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LUCINDA SAWYERS
daughter of John M. and Rebecca Edwards Billingsley

This photo is our challenge to "Whistler's Mother" and our vote goes to Lucinda Sawyers of Washington County, Arkansas. The picture of this lovely old lady, with the bible in her lap, was sent to us by Faye Dearing Barr of Prairie Grove and Baton Rouge. Billingsley and Sawyers are pioneer names in our county and we never forget.

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MRS. WOODS PUBLISHES WASHINGTON COUNTY CENSUS FOR 1850

The 1850 US Census of Washington County, Ark., has been transcribed and published by Frances Woods of Austin, Texas. This is an attractive book of 144 pages and should be easy for researchers to use. Names are given by townships and there is a county map showing the location of the 12 townships and the leading towns in 1850. There is an index, making it easy to find any names in the book. For example, the index shows that there were 15 Johnson families in the county in 1850, living in Brush Creek, Cove Creek, Clear Creek, Cane Hill, Illinois and Prairie townships.

There is also an appendix that contains an alphabetical list of the "Heads of Families" from the 1830 census and a marriage list for Washington County from 1845 to 1860.

Local historians will find Mrs. Woods' compilation just as valuable as the genealogists will. For example, we had often wondered how many blacksmiths and wagon-makers plied their trade in our county in 1850. The census record shows the following number in various occupations:

Blacksmith	49	Millers	8
Clergymen	35	Tailors	10
School teachers	31	Cabinet makers	7
Carpenters	29	Saddlers	6
Wagon-makers	26	Tanners	6
Merchants	18	Stone masons	5
Shoemakers	16	Coopers	5
Lawyers	12	Public officials	5
Physicians	12	Gunsmiths	3

Mrs. Woods points out that many Washington County men were on the Gold Rush when the 1850 census was taken and hence were not enumerated. All of the 35 clergymen enumerated were of four denominations: Methodist, Cumberland Presbyterian, Baptist, and one Episcopalian.

In her listing of the 1850 census for the Town of Fayetteville, Mrs. Woods calls attention to the fact that many business men and students were living in the homes of persons of different surnames. For example, W.M.Bowers had two students (Williford and Evans) and a cabinet maker named John W. Buie living in his home. Interesting is the fact that Fayetteville had only two hotels in 1850. The "Inn Keepers" were Jonathan W. Onstott, whose inn housed his own family of 8, plus two lawyers (Benjamin F. Boone and Peter VanHoose), a carpenter named Whitson B. Taylor, and a tailor named Isaac Warwich. The other inn-keeper was Margaret Byrnsides, whose establishment housed James Sutton, merchant; Amos Outson (Outzen), a wagon-maker; Samuel Bell, physician, and wife; William W. Watson, a clerk; Hugh F. Thomason, lawyer; William Stout, Episcopal clergyman; and 22-year-old Clinto Yell, a student.

Also interesting is the fact that, according to the 1850 census, Sophia Sawyer, who operated the Female Seminary, had only one teacher and 13 students living in her dormitory. The girls ranged in age from 13 to 20. This leads to the conclusion that most of the students in Miss Sawyer's school were day students and lived at home.

Another historical argument that can be settled by referring to the 1850 census is Where did most of the early settlers of Washington County come from? The record shows that natives of Tennessee far out-numbered all other states. A casual examination of the 1850 census record shows the following figures for Washington County heads of families:

Born in Tennessee	533
Born in Kentucky	194
Born in North Carolina	184
Born in Virginia	134
Born in South Carolina	50
Born in Alabama	48
Born in Georgia	40
Born in Missouri	36

There is a scattering of 1850 residents of Washington County who were born in northern states, especially Illinois and Ohio. But the preponderance of southern natives raises another interesting question: How was it possible for Washington and neighboring counties to raise two cavalry regiments, two infantry regiments, and one artillery corps for service on the Northern side in the Civil War? And why was Fayetteville split right down the middle in its loyalties? Why would men who were natives of Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina fight on opposite sides of the Great Rebellion? The reasons are probably emotional ones and beyond the reach of a county historian 100 years after.

Our Washington County Historical Society has acquired a supply of Mrs. Woods' book, which we will sell for $5 per copy postpaid as long as our supply lasts. The publisher has already raised the price to $8. Send your check to Deane G. Carter, secretary, Box 237, Fayetteville.

HOW THE REVEREND COON ROD YOES OF WEST FORK GOT HIS NICKNAME

Enclosed is a dollar bill for the May 1954 FLASHBACK. I've read it from "kiver to kiver." I note the name of Rev. Wm. Conrad Yoes under his nickname, Coon Rod. Dad told me how he got that name. He started on his circuit one day, came to the creek (West Fork of the White River), the ford could not be crossed so he found where someone had felled a tree across the stream, so he "oooned" it and so got that nickname. I saw him one time in Mountainburg, where he was living with his son Jim. Both his wives had died. His second wife is buried in the Jap Basham cemetery north of Mountainburg. I found her grave when I was last in Arkansas.

Bert C. Yoes,
3359 "G" St., Washougal, Wash.

SOME FAYETTEVILLE LIBRARY HISTORY

by Carol Wright

The idea of a public library in Fayetteville originated in 1916, and was to be supported by sustaining memberships of business and professional clubs and by memberships of $1 each for borrowers. There was no endowment or tax. This organizing was done at a mass meeting at the Central Presbyterian Church on March 16, 1916. The pastor, Dr. N. L. Gillespie, presided at the meeting.

The first officers of the library were Miss Julia Vaulx, Miss Florida Read, Mrs. E.G.Nourse, Mrs. Emma Barnes and Miss Mildred Gregg. An advisory board of twelve citizens was composed of Dr.Gillespie, Jerome Reynolds, Frank Moore, E.R.Nettleship, L.R.Putman, Bruce Holcomb, J.H. McIlroy, Dr. Charles Richardson, M. L. Root, H.D.Tovey, Robert Wilson, and Major B.R.Davidson.

Two of the leaders of the early library movement in Fayetteville were Miss Julia Vaulx, who was the librarian at the University of Arkansas, and Miss Florida Read. Miss Read, through her father in Pittsburgh, knew Andrew Carnegie and was anxious to get a Carnegie grant for a library in Fayetteville. The town was unwilling at that time to furnish a lot and create a fund to maintain the library. The first librarians were volunteers. Miss Read was the first paid librarian in 1917.

June 15, 1916 the library opened to the public. It was located in two rooms in the basement of the county court house. Open house was held for adults on June 15, 1916 with 122 visitors registering in the guest book. A second open house was given for the young people on June 17, and 84 visitors registered.

Hours for service at the library were from 2 to 5 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and on Saturday evening until 9 o'clock. The library was kept open Sunday afternoon for reading but no books were checked out on Sundays. The population of Fayetteville at this time was less than 5,000. A traveling library of books was provided for nearby small communities. A fine book, accession book and circulation records were kept and have been preserved.

For the first six months of operation, June to December of 1916, 4,000 books were circulated. Memberships, club donations, sale of old paper, and benefit card parties furnished the money -- $840 for 1916. The library opened with 675 books, but by the end of the year there were 1,940 books, of which 500 had been purchased. There were 327 paid members and 570 borrowers. In early years the library was supported by these memberships and by donations of money and books. It was in 1933 that the library first received Community Chest support, and later became tax supported.

The first piece of furniture the library owned was a long narrow table moved from a court room to the two rooms of the court house allotted to the library. Judge George Appleby gave the table to the library and it is the only piece of original furniture still retained by the library. It now serves as a tea table or a display table.

The first accessioned book of the Fayetteville library was "Westward Ho" by Charles Kingsley. Sixteen of the first 100 books are still at the library but were removed from the circulating collection in 1962.

While the library was supported by public donations and memberships, various benefits were given. The women of the town held card parties for the benefit of the library. The Boy Scouts sold two freight car loads of old paper. In April 1939 a group of Arkansas and Oklahoma artists held an exhibit and program at the library,and sponsored three silver teas for the benefit of the library. There were paintings, drawings, ceramics and Indian art and dances. The proceeds were used for the purchase of art books for the library.

One of the benefits held to raise money for the library was a football game, with a team made up of Fayetteville residents versus a semi professional team from the nearby town of Rogers. The game was organized by Judge James Ptak and was played New Years Day 1925. The money collected produced this sort of tally:

Total receipts from paid admissions.	$148.00
Expenses, advertising, pay for the referee and pre-game expenses	48.00
Profit to the winning team, Rogers	60.00
Money to the Fayetteville team	40.00
Expenses paid from the losers' share:	
Railroad fare for one player.	25.00
Dentist, for mending a broken tooth	5.00
Amount remaining for the library	$10.00

The library was closed for two weeks in March1918 because of a smallpox quarantine in the town, and again in October 1918 and February 1920 because of influenza quarantines.

In 1917 the first paid librarian was hired at $15 a month. She was Miss Florida Read, who served only a few months. Miss Lila Rollston was hired Dec. 3, 1917. She had been a teacher and commercial florist before working as a librarian. In 1920 her salary had increased to $25 a month, but the board soon raised her salary to $80 a month and had the library kept open longer hours. Her work week was 52 hours. Miss Lila spent one summer session at the University of Illinois taking library science courses. Except for that summer the board could never induce her to take a vacation. She did finally agree to take 3- mornings off from work during the year, to count as her vacation. In the depression year of 1933 her salary was reduced to $75, and the rent on the library building was reduced $5, to $25 a month.

Quarters for the library had shifted in 1927 from the court house to a cottage at the corner of East and Meadow streets, and later still, in 1937, the library moved to the second floor of the City Administration building in the downtown area.

Miss Lila Rollston died July 19, 1934. Miss Irene Gallaway was the next librarian. She had been a librarian at a Texas college but her home was in Fayetteville. She was librarian until 1945.

For many years the library was segregated, and to serve the Negro library patrons, a small collection of books was kept in the Negro elementary school, Lincoln School. During the 1940s, Negroes were allowed to check out books at the main library and use of the library was fully integrated in 1948. When the first summer story hours were

held, a separate hour was held for Negro children, but since 1959 the story hours have also been integrated.

In April of 1928 the memorial gift idea was established, and the first book given as a memorial was to the memory of Judge W.A.Falconer who was a chancery court judge and a University of Arkansas faculty member. The book was his own translation of Cicero.

The public library joined the county system in 1948. It was 1959 when the library became city property and was supported by an appropriation of tax funds. A bond issue was passed in November 1959 and $225,000 for a new library building was financed. The site for the building was given by Gilbert Swanson as a memorial to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Roberta Fulbright. The building was completed in 1962.

The new library building on E.Dickson street was opened for use June 5, 1962, just 46 years after the original opening of a library in the basement of the county court house. It was built and furnished at a cost of about $225,000. It is several blocks from the downtown area, in a residential section of the city. It has a parking lot. There is an auditorium. County library headquarters are in the lower level of the building, and the public library is on the street level. Registrations at the Fayetteville library in 1964 are 6,462 adults and 2,877 children of elementary school age.

The population of the county is concentrated in the northern half of the county, mainly around Fayetteville. Some 77% of the population is within ten miles of the city. The county library is made up of headquarters, four branch libraries that serve 88% of the population, and four stations in the southern part of the county. There are 13 full-time employees in the county system and several part-time assistants. The county library loans books to the branches and stations and to 54 schools in the nine school districts of the county.

The county library budget for the year 1963 was $83,830, obtained from a one-mill tax, local funds and state funds. The book budget is 29% of the total, salaries are 57%, and operating expenses are 14%. Circulation for the county system was 252,306 circulated from the branches and stations, and 16,338 books loaned to the schools in 1963. The book stock is 65,459 books.

The Fayetteville library branch has a staff of six librarians. Circulation figures have been: 1950 - 33,442; 1960 - 105,396; 1961 -- 110,377; 1962 - 128,771; 1963 - 154,101. The Fayetteville library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., six days a week, a total of 54 hours.

Activities of the Fayetteville library include an auditorium for public use, a story hour, a summer reading program, and two book fairs a year attended by about 3,500 students at each exhibit. there are about 500 records for circulation in a collection of classical and semi-classical music recordings. There is a collection of old stereopticon pictures and viewers that is much patronized by children. A special collection of the Fayetteville library is the room set aside for local materials, or by local authors, and called the Arkansas Room.

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(Editor's note: This is one chapter of a term paper that Mrs. Wright wrote in her course in Library Science at the University of Oklahoma. She is the daughter of our WCHS secretary, Deane G. Carter. -- WJL)

THE BUCHANANS SHOW THEIR FAMILY TREASURES

One of the most enjoyable historical events was the reception at the Buchanan home west of Prairie Grove on April 5. The two-story ante-bellum house was open to visitors, with every room containing family heirlooms - albums, bibles, documents, tintypes, glass, china, silver, utensils, lovely old coverlets, furniture (including the cradle in which five generations of Buchanans were rocked). Dr. and Mrs. H.E. Buchanan had arranged the exhibits beautifully and every item was marked with date and the branch of the family from which it came. The brick home in which the reception was held was built by Mrs.Buchanan's grandfather, John Tilley, about 1858.

The house was occupied during the Civil War by several families whose men-folks were away fighting in the Confederate army. Thus, it escaped destruction, as did the William Wilson house on the adjoining farm. General Blunt's Federal troops were encamped at Rhea's Mill, just a short distance away, but were more of a nuisance than a danger to Southern sympathizers.

At the Buchanan reception on April 5 were many old friends, among them Col. and Mrs. G.L.Caldwell of Avoca, Ark. Mrs.Caldwell, the former Nita Moore, told me that her mother was born, in 1864, in the house in front of which we were standing. The father, Capt.J.P.Carnahan, was away, fighting in the 34th Arkansas Regiment and did not see his daughter until 18 months later - after the war had ended.

I do not know what the many visitors to the Buchanan-Tilley home were thinking on April 5. But I walked around the house, touched the bricks lovingly, and remembered. I'm just an old softie and a poor historian.

I should add that the inspiration for the April 5 showing of the family heirlooms came from Mrs. Nola Buchanan Bland of Enid, Okla., who presented her collection of family relics to Prairie Grove. We copied some of the old photographs and the birth-and-death records in the family bible and will publish these later.

The Buchanans were among the first-comers to Washington County (1827) and soon or late we will publish the complete story of these pioneers. Unless two sons of old Cane Hill who have writing ambitions -- Conrow R. Miller of Chattanooga and Lacy McColloch of Washington -- beat us to it. Both are members of our Society and know more than we do.

So, a salute to Mrs. Bland for giving her collection of heirlooms to Prairie Grove,so that future generations can enjoy them. She's in the 80's and hasn't been well. However, I've had some correspondence with her and she's sharp mentally. I'm glad she included a copy of her own published poems, "Unvarnished Verse". I want her to know that I read every one of the poems in the book and am reprinting one in this issue of Flashback.

Another salute to Dr. and Mrs. H.E.Buchanan who so graciously opened their home and showed their family treasures. I tried to buy "Dr. Buck's" Confederate money for good US currency. But he wouldn't sell. "The South will rise again" has no meaning, because, so far as the Buchanans are concerned, it has never set.

-- WJL

FROM THE BUCHANAN FAMILY BIBLE

A mong the family heirlooms that Mrs. Nola Buchanan Bland of Enid, Okla. sent to Prairie Grove for permanent display was a family bible. Most of the early entries on the family record pages had faded and were illegible. But the following entries were clear:

Marriages

T. R. Buchanan and M. M. Stanley were married May 31, 1888
Charles Henry Bland and Nola Lee Buchanan were married Sept.25, 1912 in Gotebo, Okla.
Delbert Milo Canoung and Alta Stanley Buchanan married Mary 1920.
Forrest Glenwood Dellinger and Dottie Mabel Buchanan were married Sept. 16, 1920 in Hobart, Okla.
Thomas Henry Buchanan and Lucille Williams married Oct. 26, 1922
Ivy May Buchanan and Clarence E. Mayo married Sept.9, 1935 in Hobart
Wesley Albright and Peggy Lou Buchanan married Dec. 12, 1942
Stanley Thomas Buchanan and Bettie Mae Faulkner married Nov.17, 1943
Chester Lea Buchanan and Barbara Rae Sommers married Sept. 6, 1953

Births

Nola Lee Buchanan was born March 25, 1889
Icey Mae Buchanan was born Feb. 8, 1891
Dottie Mabel Buchanan was born Sept.19, 1893
A lta Buchanan was born Feb. 17, 1897
Thomas Henry Buchanan was born Oct. 10, 1901

UNVARNISHED VERSE

Another item that Mrs.Bland sent was a booklet of her own poems, published some years ago. The booklet, which contains 58 poems, is entitled "Unvarnished Verse." We liked this one especially:

Remembering the Cherokees

Sing me
A song of the
Cherokees. Tell legends
Of Kee-Too-Wahs and their sacred
Fires. . . Of Great Se-Quo-Yah
And the long trail
Of tears . . .

Teach me
Cookery of
The Cherokees. Brew me
Some sassafras tea. Bring samples
Of Con-nut-chee soup and
Delicious lye
Dumplings.

Give me
Grace of the good
Cherokees. Imbue me
With such courage and fealty as
Is accredited them
And show me
Aunt Jane's grave. . . .

ARKANSAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Our Washington County Historical Society sponsored the formation of the Arkansas Genealogical Society two years ago and our WCHS president, the late O.E.Williams, wrote the constitution. President of the genealogical society in its first year was G.R.Turrentine of Russellville, President during the second year was R.W.Worley of ElDorado. Secretary. from the beginning was Miss Bernice Karnes of the WCHS. Editor of the Arkansas Family Historian, published by the Genealogical Society, has been W.J.Lemke, who also edits the Flashback for the WCHS. Much of the mechanical work was done by Deane G. Carter, WCHS secretary.

On May 17 our historical society told the genealogical society inits annual meeting at Hendrix College in Conway that we could no longer carry the load. The WCHS was represented at the Conway meeting by W.J. Lemke and Deane G. Carter. The headquarters of Arkansas genealogy and the publication of the Arkansas Family Historian were transferred to a new set of officers, headed by Mrs.J.H.Atkinson of Little Rock, president; Lee Spencer of Conway, vice-president; Mrs.L.W.Clark of Clarksville, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Guy V. Murphy,Conway, editor. The state-wide activities and publications of the Arkansas Genealogical Society are now in the hands of the above persons.

Our WCHS members may like to know that the genealogical society published a "Bonus Issue" of the Family Historian (May 1964), copies of which can be obtained by writing Deane G. Carter, Box 237,Fayetteville, Ark. Price is $1 per copy.

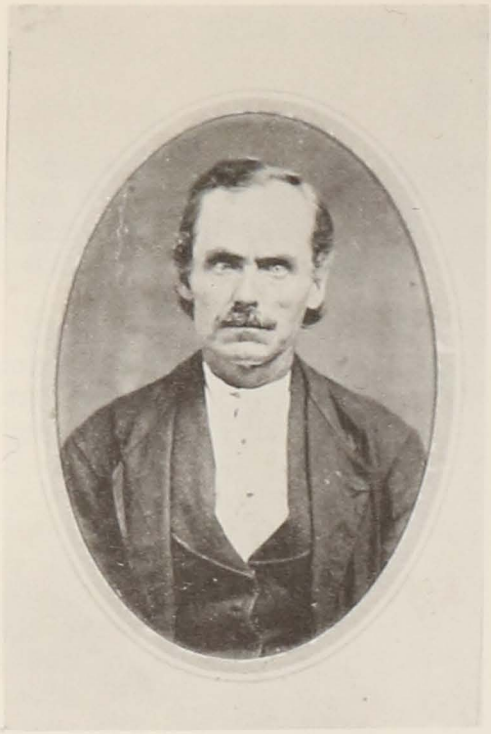
We feel that we have done our duty in giving Arkansas a two-year start in genealogy. We are also proud of the fact that the publication we produced, "The Arkansas Family Historian", ranks among the better genealogical magazines of the country. The genealogical society has grown to a membership of 350 and has paid its own way. But we feel that our chief obligation is to the Washington County Historical Society members who have supported us for 14 years. We will continue to publish historical and genealogical material about Washington County.

Invitation from Benton County

Mrs. Jessamine P. Smith of Bentonville sent our Society an invitation to attend the spring meeting of the Benton County Historical Sosicety on April 5, at Mason Valley Baptist Church in Benton County.She wrote: "Mason Valley is betweeen Vaughn and Highfill on Route 12. It is an old area, now hardly more than this church -- no stores, no post office, but rich in county history."

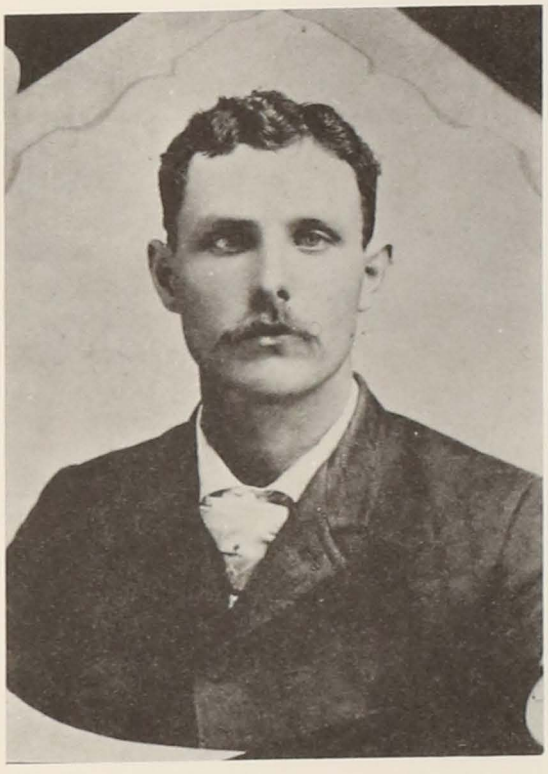
We would so much like to have attended the Benton County meeting but on April 5 we were out at the Buchanan-Tilley home (ante-bellum) west of Prairie Grove, to see the exhibit of the Buchanan family heirlooms, The collection, which is eventually to be placed in the museum in Battlefield Park, was increased recently by the family possessions of Mrs. Nola Buchanan Bland of Enid,Okla. Mr.Bland is up in years - as aren't we all? -- but I have had a delightful correspondence with her. Also, I have copied the Family Record from the Buchanan Bible and copied the pictures in the plush-covered family album. Some of these appear in this issue of Flashback.

-- WJL



JOHN RILEY BUCHANAN
died April 27, 1887

ANNIE PETTIGREW BUCHANAN
married John Riley Buchanan,
Nov. 25, 1847



JOHN BUCHANAN,
youngest of "Buck" Buchanan's brothers.

Seated: IDA JANE BUCHANAN WATSON
Standing: MATTIE BUCHANAN GIBSON

(Photos from Nola Buchanan's family album)

SYLVA LODGE No. 282, MAGUIRE'S STORE,,ARKANSAS

by O. E. Williams

Sylva Lodge No. 282, Maguire's Store, Arkansas, received a dispensation June 7, 1872, and was chartered Jan. 7, 1873. It merged with Washington Lodge No. 1 on Aug. 20, 1940. The charter, which names the charter members, reads as follows:

Know ye, That we, the Grand Lodge of Arkansas,y by virtue of the powers and authorities duly vested in us, do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well beloved Brethren, B.F.Williams, Master, James C. Oliver, Senior Warden; and H.M.Maguire, Junior Warden, to open and hold a Lodge, designated by Number 282, and by the name of Sylva Lodge, under our Register and Jurisdiction, at Maguire's store, Washington County, State of Arkansas, or within three miles. And we do likewise authorize and empower our aforesaid Brethren to admit, make, pass and raise Free Masons, according to the most ancient custom and usage of the Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world, and not otherwise. And we do further authorize and empower our aforesaid Brethren and their successors to hear and determine, all and singular, matters and things relative to the Craft within the jurisdiction of the said Lodge No. 282. And lastly, we do hereby authorize, empower and direct, our aforesaid trust and well beloved Brethren to install their successors after being duly elected and chosen, to invest them with all the powers and dignities to their offices respectively belonging, and deliver to them this Warrant; and such successor shall, in like manner,from time to time, install their successors, and proceed in the premises as above directed, such installation to be upon or near the festival of St.John during the continuance of said Lodge, forever; provided, always, that the above named Brethren and their successors, do pay and respect and obedience to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge aforesaid, and to the ordinances thereof, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given in open Grand Lodge, under the hands of our Right Worshipful Grand Officers, and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at Little Rock, this seventh day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand, eight Hundred and Seventy Three and of Masonry Five Thousand, Eight hundred and Seventy Three.

(Charter members as recorded on the Charter of Sylva Lodge)

F. King	W. Ferguson	Jno. Mays
D. C. Mason	John B. Harris	Jas. Hall
D. M. Dickey	U. Colwell	Thos. Stuart
Wm. McKinzie	B. F. Williams	G. W. Maguire
Richard Mitchell	Jas. F. Hood	J. J. Bishop
B. F. Walker	H. B. Cheek	E. P. Williams
C. Phillips	H. C. Hush	Jas. Maloy
H. M. Maguire	J. C. Oliver	W. P. Walker
T. S. Williams	Thos. W. Williams	Jno. Masters
G. H. Robbins	Levi Phillips	B. Benbrook
B. Shumate		W. Blackburn

Officers and members of Sylva Lodge of Maguire's Store are found in the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1880 and 1884. The 1880 list is as follows:

Officers and members in 1880:

Jason Johnson, W.M.
J. M. Williams, S.W.
James F. Hood, J.W.
B. F. Williams, Sec.

John F. Ballard	Ewing Benbrook	H. M. Benbrook
J. J. Bishop	J. H. Carter	A. Eads
Wm. Eads	James H. Guinn	James Hall
T. J. Harmon	James F. Hood	H. S. Irvin
B. F. James	J. H. Jenkins	Peter J. King
Jason Johnson	J. R. Kelly	Fred King
M. D. Lewis	H. M. Maguire	G. W. Maguire
A. A. Maguire	W. M. McChristian	W. A. McKenzie
John Masters	D. J. Masters	D. C. Mason
Z. C. Mason	J. K. Matthews	W. S. Mills
Richard Mitchell	W. P. Moulden	J. C. Oliver
G. H. Robbins	J. O. Rodgers	R. A. Rutherford
Ben Shumate	Warren Springston	D. H. Slaughter
Henry Stokenbury	John R. Thomas	G. S. Trammell
J. K. Webb	B. F. Williams	T. W. Williams
Al L. Williams	B. P. Williams	J. N. Williams
		T. J. Wood

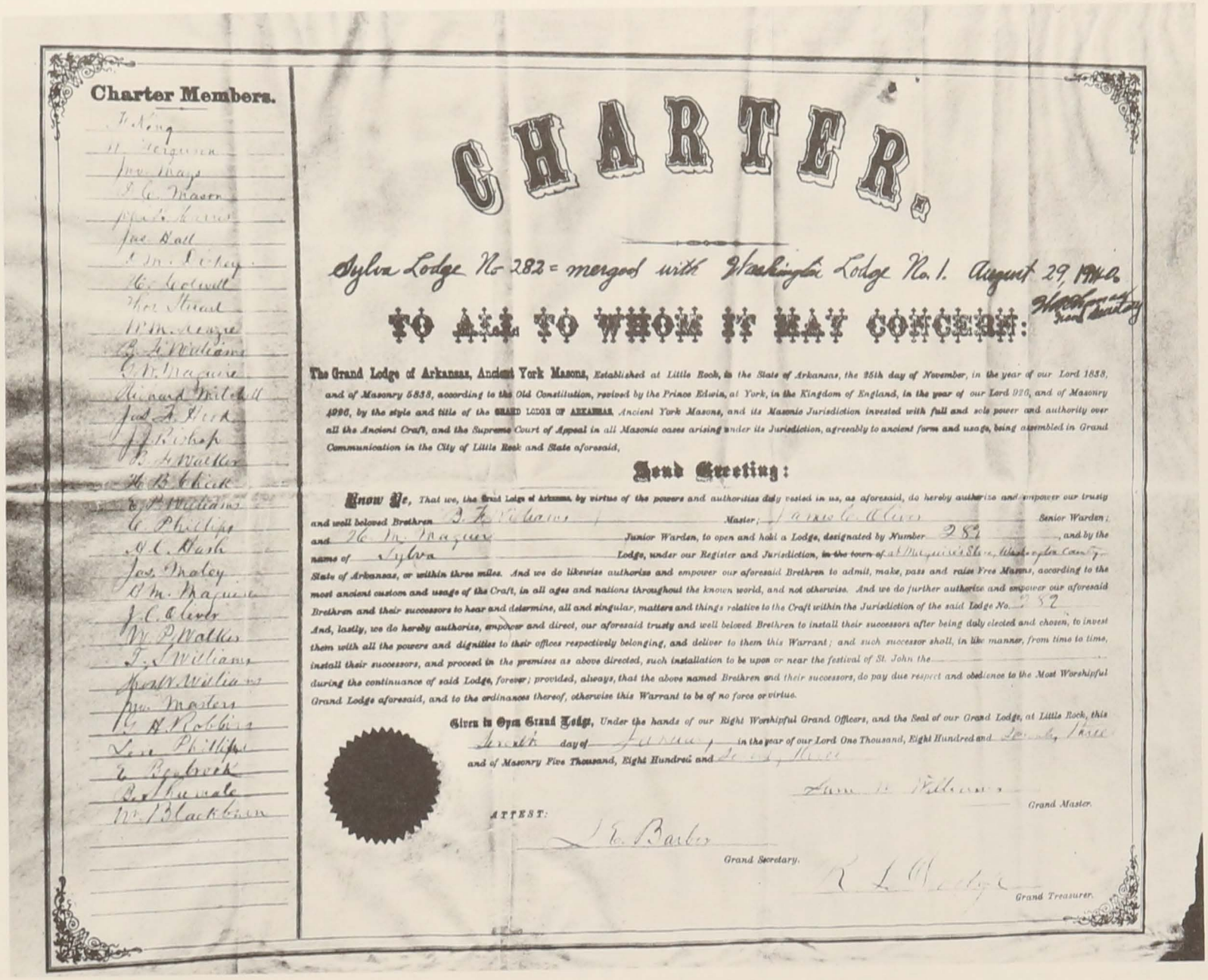
(Above from Proceedings 1880, page 1790)

Officers and members in 1884:

H. M. Maguire, W.M.
T. J. Harmon, S.W.
Wm. Foster, J.W.
J. F. Hood, Treas.
B. F. Williams, Sec.
N. S. Trammel, S.D.
Wm. Eads, J.D.
H.M.Benbrook Sr., Steward
D. J. Masters Jr., Steward
Thos. Stuart, Tyler

John F. Ballard	H. M. Benbrook	P. P. Bogan
J. H. Carter	W. F. Dunkin	Alexander Eads
Wm. Foster	Jas. S. Guinn	Wm. Guinn
James Hall	L. J. Harmon	S. A. S. Harris
Jas. F. Hood	H. S. Irvin	H. H. Jenkins
Ted King	M. H. Kirk	M. D. Lewis
D. C. Mason	John Masters	D. J. Masters
J. H. Matthews	Wm. McChristian	W. A. Maguire
W. A. McKenzie	Richard Mitchell	H. M. Maguire
W. P. Moulden	J. C. Oliver	G. W. Maguire
L. J. Prather	G. H. Robbins	A. A. Maguire
A. J. Robbins	R. A. Rutherford	Ben Shumate
A. J. Smith	Warren Springston	Thomas Stuart
Henry Stokenbury	John R. Thomas	T. A. Towler
N. S. Trammell	W. J. Utley	J. H. Webb
B.F.Williams	T. W. Williams	B.L.Williams
B. P. Williams	T. J. Wood	

(Editor's note: O.E.Williams added this note: "My father, Banjamin Lafayette Williams, received E.A.degree Apr.11, 1884, F.C. degree May 9, 1884 and M.M. degree June 13, 1884, in Sylva Lodge. -- WJL)



Charter Members.

T. King
H. Ferguson
Jno. Hays
T. C. Mason
Jno. Ball
Wm. Richey
C. Colwell
Thos. Hurst
Wm. Crozier
B. F. Williams
C. D. Maguire
Richard Mitchell
Jas. A. Hurst
J. J. Bishop
B. F. Walker
H. B. Block
E. P. Williams
C. Phillips
O. C. Bush
Jos. Maley
O. M. Maguire
J. C. Clerk
W. P. Walker
T. J. Williams
Jas. W. Williams
Jno. Masters
C. A. Robbins
Lee Phillips
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C. Shumate
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CHARTER.

Sylva Lodge No 282 = merged with Washington Lodge No. 1. August 29, 1914.
Wood Grand Secretary

TO ALL TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas, Ancient York Masons, *Established at Little Rock, in the State of Arkansas, the 25th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1838, and of Masonry 5838, according to the Old Constitution, revived by the Prince Edwin, at York, in the Kingdom of England, in the year of our Lord 926, and of Masonry 4926, by the style and title of the* GRAND LODGE OF ARKANSAS, *Ancient York Masons, and its Masonic Jurisdiction invested with full and sole power and authority over all the Ancient Craft, and the Supreme Court of Appeal in all Masonic cases arising under its Jurisdiction, agreeably to ancient form and usage, being assembled in Grand Communication in the City of Little Rock and State aforesaid,*

Send Greeting:

Know Ye, *That we, the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, by virtue of the powers and authorities duly vested in us, as aforesaid, do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well beloved Brethren* J. F. Williams *Master;* James C. Mason *Senior Warden;* and W. M. Maguire *Junior Warden, to open and hold a Lodge, designated by Number* 282 *, and by the name of* Sylva *Lodge, under our Register and Jurisdiction, in the town of* at Maguire's Store, Washington County, *State of Arkansas, or within three miles. And we do likewise authorize and empower our aforesaid Brethren to admit, make, pass and raise Free Masons, according to the most ancient custom and usage of the Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world, and not otherwise. And we do further authorize and empower our aforesaid Brethren and their successors to hear and determine, all and singular, matters and things relative to the Craft within the Jurisdiction of the said Lodge No.* 282 *And, lastly, we do hereby authorize, empower and direct, our aforesaid trusty and well beloved Brethren to install their successors after being duly elected and chosen, to invest them with all the powers and dignities to their offices respectively belonging, and deliver to them this Warrant; and such successor shall, in like manner, from time to time, install their successors, and proceed in the premises as above directed, such installation to be upon or near the festival of St. John the* _____ *during the continuance of said Lodge, forever; provided, always, that the above named Brethren and their successors, do pay due respect and obedience to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge aforesaid, and to the ordinances thereof, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.*

Given in Open Grand Lodge, *Under the hands of our Right Worshipful Grand Officers, and the Seal of our Grand Lodge, at Little Rock, this* Tenth *day of* January *in the year of our Lord One Thousand, Eight Hundred and* Twenty Three *and of Masonry Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and* Twenty Three

James E. Williams
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

J. E. Barber
Grand Secretary.

R. L. Wedge
Grand Treasurer.

CHARTER of SYLVA LODGE, Maguire's Store, Washington County, Arkansas

(See accompanying article).

THE JO HOLCOMB PAPERS

(Third Installment)

Among the old deeds in the Jo Holcomb collection of the Washington County Historical Society are the following. We are publishing these because of the pioneer names they contain. For example, few people know that Son's Chapel on Highway 45 east is named for the Son family. The Holcomb papers contain the following deed:

John J. Son and B.E.Son, his wife, and John H. Cato and A.E.Cato his wife, to Farmers Alliance and Industrial Milling Co. of Washington Co. July 12, 1890. Both the Son and Cato families and certainly the Farmers Alliance merit attention from local historians.

In various Cane Hill records we have seen mention of the "Sarah W. Wilson place" but had no idea where it was located. Among the Holcomb papers are two deeds identifying this farm. In 1882 Wm.A.Mills and Laura C. Mills conveyed to S.G. McClellan the land "known as the Sarah W.Wilson place" one mile northeast of Boonsboro in Cane Hill Township. In 1885 S.T.Foreman and Ada C., his wife, conveyed to S.G.McClellan of Boonsboro, the "Sarah W. Wilson land" described thus: W½ of SW¼ Sec 3 Twp 14 R 32, 80 acres, and SE¼ Sec 4 Twp 14 R 32, 160 acres.

Other deeds in the Jo Holcomb papers that pertain to early families include the following:

Wm. D. Boyd and Elizabeth, his wife, to Christian and Margaret Johnson and Lavinia Johnson as administratrix of VanBuren Johnson deceased, Dec. 8, 1873.

Jo and Belle Holcomb to Jacob Geyer, Aug. 5, 1880
W.H.Cawood and S.E. his wife, to Jo Holcomb, Feb. 14, 1891
J.C.Pharr and wife Sabinah, to Jo Holcomb, July 16, 1891
Nancy E. Stokes to Jo Holcomb, Oct. 16, 1888
Jo and Belle Holcomb to Mary Stafford, May 29, 1882
Wm.C. and Nancy H.Taylor to Holcomb & Stokes, Oct. 31, 1884
J.N. and Martha J. Howard, to Jo Holcomb, Jan. 17, 1880
Joseph and Emily Corbell to Jo Holcomb, Mar. 12, 1881
Chas.W.Clark and S.P. his wife, to Benson W.Gregg, June 4, 1884
S. H. Blackmer and wife D.V. to R.R.Smith, Apr. 4, 1874
A.L.Maples and Nancy E. Maples, to B.F.Staffs, Jan 31, 1881
Frederick Farr & Louise his wife, to Jo Holcomb, Dec. 1, 1894
Columbus A. and Sarah A. Jones, to Jo Holcomb, Feb. 22, 1889
Joseph Holcomb and Belle S, his wife, to WM.Y.Ramsey, Oct.19, 1888
A. B. Lewis and S.R. his wife, to Alex Steiner, Nov. 19, 1891
A. Douglas, Trustee, to Jo Holcomb, March 29, 1892
Wm.A.Scott to May V. Scott, Sept. 6, 1884 (recorded by Latta in the Chrokee Nation.)
Alexander Hendry, an unmarried man, to C.F.Goldsboro and A. George, April 23, 1892.
W.L.Stokes and Lucy his wife, and H.H.Rapier and A.G. his wife, to Jo Holcomb, Feb. 14, 1891
A. Douglas, trustee for St.L., Ark & Texas Railway Co., to W.L. Stokes and H.H.Rapier, Sept. 27, 1881.

An unusual Quit-Claim Deed in the Holcomb collection reads as follows:

QUIT-CLAIM DEED

Whereas heretofore in the year 1881, Jo Holcomb laid off and platted out of Part of the East half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Twp 18, Range 30, the Railroad Addition to the Town of Springdale, Washington County, Arkansas, designating on said Plat certain streets, and alleys to be used as public highways,which said streets and alleys have never been conveyed by deed from said Holcomb to the town of Springdale, and a street known as Spring Street lying between Blocks Nos. One and Two in said Railroad Addition was laid off in the branch running between said Blocks, so that it could not be used as a street, and whereas upon the petition of the property owners on each side of said street the Council of the Town of Springdale on the 7th day of March 1895 while in session and after having fully considered the matter and premises did declare said street North of the alley and South of Emma Avenue and between said Blocks Nos. One and Two, a nuisance, and did enact an Ordinance disannulling, vacating, condemning said street, thus allowing the title of same to revert and vest in the original owner, the said Jo Holcomb.

Now therefore on account of the above premises and proceedings and in consideration of the sum of Two Dollars by said Jo Holcomb paid to the Recorder and Mayor of said Town, the said Incorporated Town of Springdale does hereby sell, transfer, convey and quit-claim unto the said Jo Holcomb all right, title, claim and interest of the said Town in and to the following described Lot of ground in the Railroad Addition to the Town of Springdale, to-wit: -- Commencing at North-West corner of Block No. One and running thence West to the North-East corner of Block No. Two, thence South to the Alley running East and West across said Blocks; thence East along said Alley to the West line of Block No. One, thence North to the beginning, embracing that part of the Street as above mentioned as being vacated.

To have and hold said Lot of ground unto the said Jo Holcomb and his heirs and assigns forever, free from any claim or claims of the said Incorporated Town of Springdale, this conveyance is made in compliance with an ordinance of the Council of the said Town of Springdale. Given under my hand as Mayor of said Town and I have caused the Seal of said Town to be hereto attached, this 7th day of Mary 1895.

E. H. Bryant, Recorder C. J. Chapman, Mayor

(The Mayor and Recorder made an affidavit swearing to the foregoing facts, before Millard Berry, Notary Public. The deed was recorded 17 Sept. 1895, by Jack Walker, clerk and ex-officio recorder.)

Deed - John Lindly and wife Elizabeth to David Walker, North half of Northeast quarter of Section No. One in Township No. 17 North of Range No. 30 West, containing 71 acres and 51-100ths of an acre, lying and being in the County of Washington. Consideration $100. Date: 16 January 1846. Witnesses: John B. Costa, A. S. Denny, Recorded 12 February 184o by J.C.Pittman, clerk, by L.B.Cunningham, deputy clerk.

FOUR WASHINGTON COUNTY CEMETERIES

by Frank M. McConnell

(Editor's note: During the month of April 1964, one of our WCHS members, Frank M. McConnell, visited four old and little-known graveyards in our county -- Scott, Hazel Valley, Nickell, and Union Point. The lists that follow were copied from the tombstones by Mr. McConnell.)

Scott Cemetery

This cemetery is located east of center of Sec. 26 Tp 14 Range 32, east of Cove Creek Road at Lenore. There are about 45 graves that bear no names or dates. The inscribed tombstones are as follows:

SCOTT, Julia E., b 6-27-1855; d 7-19-1914, wife of W H Scott

LEACH, Gertrude Scott, b 2-10-1888; d 10-25-1937, wife of Roy U Leach
" , Roy U., 2-14-1886; d 5-12-1951
") George N., 1858 - 1934
") Hattie F., 1870 -1914
" , John R., 1890 - 1914
" , Grover Cleveland, 1892 - 1910

SHALLEY, Lula F Leach, 6-3-1894 - 6-21-1959

ABSHIRE) Joel W, 1851 - 1936
") Dialpha, 1862 - 1939
" , Roland F, 1-2-1832 - 5-27 -1903, Pvt 2nd Ark Inf CSA
" , Rachel Ann, 3-17-1833 - 11-30-1916
" , Marie, 1920 - 1929
" , Wilma, 1917 - 1917
" , Infant son of Mr and Mrs E C, 1916
" , Troy, 1896 - 1898

BREWSTER) Thomas W, 1868 - 1945
") Francis E, 1873 - 1910
" , Virgia, 8-13-1878 - 6-13-1960

CARMACK W. J., 3-18-1873 - 4-25-1929
" , Fannie Johnson, 2-17-1871 - 10-16-1956

KING) Samuel B, 5-15-1870 - 8-27-1963
") Laura Ann, 12-20-1868 - 1-15-1958
" , Virgia, 1-27-1899 - 8-13-1919 daughter of S & L King
" , Frances Chloe, 8-13-1915 - 2-16-1916
" , Earl s, 5-27-1843 - 1-28-1919
" , Marguerite Ellen Bessie, 12-23-1849 - 6-22-1929, wife of Earl
" , Clealus B, d. 3-7-1919, dau of T W and P King
" , Joy, d. 8-7-1963, age 66
" , Loyd, d. 2-20-1962, age 51

BROOKS, Thomas C., Co. C, 29 Tenn Inf., CAS
" , Josephine, 2-11-1857 - 11-25-1913, wife of J. A. Brooks

FLEMING) Wallace, 1900 - 1945
") Alpha, 1904 - ?

HODGES, M B, 8-19-1827 - 3-28-1899
" , William, 7-19-1825 - 2-11-1912
" , Mathew M, 1848 - 1925
" , Dorothy E, 1858 - 1936
" , Anna E, 8-9-1840 - 12-23-1937
" , Roland E, 3-24-1843 - 5-14-1933
" , Samuel Lee, 1870 - 1958

ROBERTS, J W, 7-14-1852 - 4-7-1911

QUINTON, Rosa, 9-13-1886 - 4-11-1906, wife of Ed Q and dau of P F & H Sisco

McCAMISH, Wm. Anderson, d. 11-17-1910, age 70
" , Amanda A C, 5-28-1836 - 2-25-1901, wife of John M
" , John M., 3-4-1831 - 5-24-1909

PHILLIPS, J E, 1868 - 1945

McCLAIN, Ora A, died 2-2-1959, age 78

REESE, Sarah B, died 12-21-1869, age 8 m 8 d, daughter of J & M J Reese

FIDLER, Tresey M., 5-21-1916 - 5-19-1918
" , Florency, 2-24-1912 - 3-20-1912
" , Roseta, 2-9-1911 - 4-9-1911

EDWARDS, Thomas F., died 12-10-1962, age 80
" , Henry E, died 10-17-1961, age 80
" , Absalom, 3-8-1848 - 2-8-1915, age 70

CHAMBERS,) Calvin W., 1875 - 1946
") Annie C, 1871 - 1939
" , Virgil J, 3-13-1940 - 4-10-1940
" , C C, 11-11-1833 - 3-23-1907
" , M A, 12-26-1834 - 2-6-1905, wife of C C Chambers

RICKS, Edith M., 9-12-1824 - 3-6-1902

BRUNK, Raymond Austin, 10-19-1906 - 11-12-1906
" , Orvil Ray, 12-18-1903 - 2-14-1905
" , Elsie Dean, 9-17-1888 -6-6-1910

WEESSE, Sam, died 8-17-1927, age 64
" , Elizabeth, died 5-17-1926, age 67

VICKERY, Florence, died 2-9-1963, age 59

DOBBS, M. B., died 1-19-1962, age 8 y 2 d
" , Infant, died 12-14-1961
" , Infant died 12-20-1963

COOPER, Herman, 4-29-1921 - 1-5-1926

HAZEL VALLEY CEMETERY

This cemetery is located near the northeast corner of Section 30, Tp 14 Range 28, about 1 mile east of the old Hazel Valley post office site, on south of road and south of east branch of Middle Fork River. There are about 73 graves without names or dates. Tombstone inscriptions as recorded by F.M.McConnell on March 31, 1964, are as follows:

JARNIGAN) Clark M, 1886 - 3-19-1963
") Linna, 1890 - 1956
" , Wm. C, 8-3-1844 - 1-7-1916, Co.D, 14th Illinois Inf.
" , Margaret L., died 10-21-1914, age 68, wife of W.C.
" , Oscar, 7-26-1872 - 3-3-1900
" , Ora, 2-14-1889
" , Farmer, 4-14-1880 - 9-15-1880

JARNAGAN, Wm. Alford, 6-7-1907 - 10-10-1926, son of B W & Lizzie

DAWN, Alice J., 8-1-1861 - 4-22-1912, wife of L. B Dawn
" , George W, 2-6-1911 - 5-23-1911, son of J M & I M
" , W. Z., 10-8-1877 - 6-18-1912, wife of J M Dawn

HIGHT,) Billy, 4-26-1924 - 6-11-1926
" , Ruth, 12-21-1916 - 7-12-1934
" , Daniel E., died 10-6-1962, age 80
" ,) James R., 10-5-1853 - 3-29-1921
" ,) Ellen S., 5-15-1854 - 8-23-1924

NAPIER, Ira Edgar, 10-26-1917, Pvt US Army
" , Melvin Otis, 5-18-1903 - 10-10-1903
") Asa, 5-12-1871 - 4-7-1935
") Mary, 2-14-1880 - 11-17-1957
" , Micajah C., Cpl. Co.L, Ky Cav.

WALLIN) Audie e., 7-10-1915 - 7-14-1916
") Mildred Pauline, 12-16-1919 - 7-14-1920. Children of JH & C.

BROWN, Richard T., 1865 - 1947
" , Martha Ellen, 4-1-1865 - 10-22-1922
" , Myrtle, 10-30-1886 - 7-4-1888, dau. of R T & M E
" , Rosa Addiline, 10-15-1893 - 6-19-1937
" , Agnes, 5-11-1923 - 3-14-1930, dau. of Mary & Corbe

POLLY, R. Verson, 7-2-1904 - 8-30-1916
" , Catherine, 5-21-1875, 6-10-1958

SKELTON, James R., 5-2-1881 - 4-2-1957
" , Ciba Myrtle, 4-17-1887 - 4-29-1947

SHACKELFORD, Wm. S , 12-27-1854 - 2-10-1929
" , Perlina, 11-10-1857 - 9-1-1948
" , Bennie, 4-12-1903 - 8-2-1904, son of W.S. & P.
" , Homer H., 1907 - 1949
" , Otha F., 1907 -
" , Clara B., 1883 - 1963
" , Andy trumbo, died 6-29-1963, age 75

BOGAN, P. P., 11-25-1835 - 3-7-1908
" , Gladys R., 10-26-1902 - 8-1-1904

FRALEY, William, 2-17-1893 - age 6-11-17
" , Nancy A., 1873 - 1933, daughter of S F & B
" , Virgle, 1-28-1902 - 3-3-1959
") Thomas E., 1875 - ?
") Darling Louranaa, 1874 - 1956

MICHEL, Marguerite S., 1959

GUINN, James S., 10-19-1831 - 6-22-1914
" , Martha Ann, 12-9-1838 - 12-20-1893

Reed, Wife of J. S.
" , W. H., 6-21-1878 - 1-19-1879, son of W M & M J
" , James, 4-8-1882 - son of E M & M J

RICHARDSON, E C, 3-14-1859 - 1-2-1943

ROBERTSON, Wm. C. "Bud", 8-3-1891 - 5-10-1962
" , Betty, 9-17-1892
" , John S., 1863 - 1937
" , Nancy A., 1864 - 1954

DALLAS, Finley

NILES, Clara, 7-31-1919 - 4-21-1920

SCHOENBECK, Florence A., 1863 - 1943

STRATTON, Paul, 10-1-1917 - 3-28-1935

WARD, James G., 12-5-1825 - 1-28-1886

CURRY, Harold Lee, 8-3-1913 - 10-11-1916
" , Hugh, 12-9-1895 - 3-15-1914
" , W. F. no dates

NICKELL CEMETERY

This cemetery is located in the northeast quarter of sec. 18, Tp 14, Range 28 West. On a hill above the Nickell Memorial Shurch, on the road between Durham and Hazel Valley, Arkansas.

NICKELL, Rev. A. T., 6-3-1850 - 11-3-1916
" , China P., 2-10-1852 - 8-4-1924, wife of Rev A T
" , Beulah, 2-22-1886 - 12-16-1912
" , Hilda Marie, 8-21-1920 - 1-13-23
" , Richard, 12-8-1893 - 5-20-1946
") John M., 4-22-1876 - 3-2-1961
") Ruth E., 12-22-1872 - 3-10-1938
" , Bobby Key, 1959 - 1962
" , Byron, 1910-1926, son of JM & R
" , Zearl, 1901-1903, son of JM & R
" , Ledna, 1900 - 1906, dau of JM & R
") John B., 1816 - 1891
") Bettie, 1817 - 1900
" , Joe D., 1859 - 1917 (son)
" , Robert, 1874 - 1944
" , Fred, 1896 - 1926

(Nickell contd)

NICKELL, Ina Mae, 1-23-1918 - 10-14, dau. of J N & May
" , China Josephine, 1-19-1915 - 5-6-1916, dau. of JH and May
") Henry, 1881 - 1951
") Mae, 1886 -
" , Mildred, 1913 - 1956
" , L. B., 10-7-1940 - 8-17-1941

DENNIS) Luther, 1885 -
") Josie, 1890 - 1957

HATLEY, Ruby Dennis, 3-15-1918 - 12-26-1941

LEWIS) Earl A., 10-13-1900 - 2-13-1959
") Beulah A., 9-5-1907 -

DENNIS) Wm. F., 1-20-1850 - 3-17-1928
") Mary L., 2-3-1853 - 1-10-1930
" , Lovie L., 5-25-1952 - 7-23-1952

WILSON) Ernest, 2-9-1893 - 10-19-1942
") Bertha, 3-5-1894 -
" , Eddie, 1949 - 1957, son of Mr and Mrs Edwin

O'NEAL, Linnia, 1903 - 1943

WWALLIN, Jane, died 2-27-196?

CLASPYANT, Alpha, 1955

TOW, J.M., died Jan. 191?
", G.W., died Dec. 28, 1946

BOGAN -----

STOUT, Erskin Jay, 12-23-1957, son of Orville and Imogene

WILSON, Willie, 1892, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.J.

PETERS, Harold F., 1910 - 1912

WALLIS, George W., 9-5-1835 - 3-19-1909, Co.E, 2nd Ark Inf. USA
" , Patsy A .M., 11-11-1838 - 9-1-1922

NORRIS, Jewell Nickell, 7-25-1843 - 6-6-1925, wife of Frank Norris

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UNION POINT CEMETERY

This cemetery is located 1¼ miles east from Nickells Memorial Church (shown above), on north of an abandoned road formerly used between the above referred church and Thompson postoffice at Union Point School location. School no longer in existence.

GRANDSTAFF) Hallie, 4-8-1888 - 9-23-1889 Large tombstone
") Amanda, 2-23-1900 - 7-14-1918 pushed off its base.
RATLIFF, Dorsey, 1-22-1882 - 7-24-1888, son of G.T. & R.A.
TURNOR, Lar, died April 19, 1930
BUXTON - No other name or date.
GRANDSTAFF, Jennie, 12-17-1863 - 7-26-1923, wife of H B Grandstaff
About 40 other graves without name or date.

HOOSIER CIVIL WAR BUFFS VISIT OUR COUNTY

On May 16 a group of professional and business men of Indianapolis, Ind. who are members of the Civil War Round Table visited Fayetteville and spent a day on the Prairie Grove battlefield. I had the pleasure of showing them around. They didn't need much showing because most of them were better posted on the battle than many of our local citizens. They were, of course, chiefly interested in the 26th Indiana Regiment and Rabb's Battery which fought at PrairieGrove. They had no difficulty in locating the position of both units during the battle, chiefly because one of the visitors had an original map of the battle, drawn by an officer of the US Engineers. It was the first time I had seen this map ofthe battle and while it did not show the Confederate units, it did show the positions of the Federal units during various stages of the battle.

Our Indiana visitors, who had already seen the Wilson's Creek and Pea Ridge battlefields on their way down, were complimentary about the Prairie Grove Park, especially the chimney of Rhea's Mill and the 15 historical markers that tell the story of the battle. I forgot to tell the visitors that these are the first Civil War battle markers to be cast in Blue and Gray.

After our return from Prairie Grove I took the visitors to the Confederate and National cemeteries in Fayetteville. They were much impressed by both Civil War burial grounds. As a final salute, I took them up on Mt. Sequoyah for a view of Fayetteville that I am sure they will long remember.

This experience has raised a question in my mind as to how far we are obligated to service tourists. It's really the job of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce but the local CofC has never taken out a $3 membership in our Society. Their only interest seems to be Industry. I was tempted to ask the visitors on May 16 to put down the amounts they had spent in Fayetteville for food, lodging, gas, etc., but I didn't do it. I cannot understand why the CofC goes overboard for a piddling new industry (Shakespeare) and neglects our second biggest industry (next to the University), which is Tourism. But you live and learn, and I've learned that Standard Register, Purina, Baldwin Piano, Bear Brand Hosiery, and other industries think that they are here because of some merit of their own.

THEY ARE HERE BECAUSE BETTER MEN PAVED THE WAY.

-- WJLemke

PRAIRIE GROVE First and Second Grades 1909
Miss Lucy Sanders, Teacher

(Photo courtesy Faye Dearing Barr)

THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
(Second installment)

(Editor's note: In the April 1964 issue of FLASHBACK we published the Baptist Association reports from 1860 to 1885. This material is from the collection of 102 annual reports that are in the possession of one of our WCHS members, Mrs. Lee Gregg of Springdale. We continue the series below. -- WJL)

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Minutes of the 43rd annual session of the
Washington Association of Regular Baptists
held with New Hope Church on Sept. 3-4-5, 1880

Elder T Dodson elected Moderator and W H Holcomb clerk.

	Names of Messengers	Membership
Richland, Madison Co.	Thos Dodson, G H Loving	82
Concord, " "	R L Johnson	35
RockSpring " "	John Cornett, Louis Walker, E Combs	31
Drakes Creek " "	J N Duncan, R Drake, J B Drake	75
Mt.Pleasant " "	Not represented	
Little Elm, Benton Co.	Not represented	
Piney, Carroll Co.	B Pigman, M Holland, L C Hudspeth	21
NewHope, Madison Co.	A R Gregg, B A Gregg, W D Combs	44
War Eagle " "	Frederick Heck, D I Beam	13
Shiloh, Washington Co.	W H Holcomb	94
Macedonia " "	(Dissolved)	
Bethlehem " "	J R Loving, W S Cowin, Alfred Drake.	53
Illinois, " "	Sampson Spencer	32
BigSprings, " "	R M Wood	16
West Fork, " "	William Ingram	25
Boston, " "	Wilkerson Osborn, Clark Terry	60
Liberty, " "	Isaac Harrison	8
Blackburn, " "	T J Neal	12

ORDAINED MINISTERS (Name, age and postoffice address)

John Clements	76	Cincinnati
Thomas Dodson	75	Wesley
N F Goodrich	69	Elm Springs
Wm. Ingram	65	Fayetteville
Edmond Osborn	70	Carter's Store
Joel Baldwin	75	Bentonville
G H Loving	60	Wesley
A G Smith	57	Springdale
F G Eubanks	49	Drakesville
Zachariah Stephens	45	Cross Hollows
Daniel Blevins	51	St. Paul
R M Wood	43	Boonsboro
J J Taylor	38	Grant
Benjamin Drake	35	Drake's Creek
J N Duncan	31	Drake's Creek
G. Fairchild	31	Carter's Store
A R Griff	30	Kingston
J R Loving	29	Rhea's Mills
J S Cowin	32	Rhea's Mills
T J Neal	25	Summit Home

Minutes of the 45th Annual Session of the
Washington A ssociation of Regular Baptists
held with Bethlehem Church, Sept 30 and Oct. 1 and 2, 1882

(Springdale Enterprise print)
Thomas Dodson, Moderator; W H Holcomb, Clerk.
Table of Statistics showed 18 churches in the Association. Shiloh Church was the largest, with 104 members. Messengers from Shiloh were A G Smith, John Peerson and W H Holcomb.

Minutes of the Convention composed of the
Bentonville and Springtown Associations of Baptists
held with the Baptist Church at Temperance Hill,
Saturday, Dec. 5, 1885.

Elder J. Dunagin, Moderator, and H. Highfill, Clerk.

The Bentonville and Springtown Associations of Baptists met in convention for the purpose of effecting the consolidation of the two Associations. The roll of the churches was called and the names of delegates enrolled:

Bentonville Association

Pleasant Hill - John Deason, F M Seamster
Spring Creek - L B Downum
Pleasant Sight - M J Pearson
Bentonville - C S Netherton
Pleasant Grove - W J Langley, I R Hall
Twelve Corner - W L Carden
Mt. Pleasant - T J Barens
Pea Ridge - John Hall, D D Hopkins

Springtown Association

Honey Creek - T. Bagby, M R Wears
Springtown - H Highfill
Siloam Springs - R C Gibbs, J H Spencer
Harmony Grove - J M Alman, E Brown
Mt. Pleasant - Wm Edwards
Corner Spring - A M Rogers, J M Peak
Mason Valley - J Givens, B H Waller
Wager Mill - Wm Murphy, Wm Evans
Bethesda - John Chastain, P R Johnson
Butler Creek - B F Cooper
Temperance Hill - A P Crowder, J W Simmons

MINUTES of the 53rd annual session of the Washington Association of Regular Baptists, held with Concord Church in Madison County, A rk on 4th, 5th and 6th days of October 1890. Elder J R Loving, Moderator; S P Clarke, Clerk. 25 churches with a total of 760 members.

MINUTES of the 59th annual session of Washington Association of Regular Baptists, held with Bethlehem Church in Washington Co., Oct. 3-5, 1896. Elder J R Loving, Moderator and W H Holcomb, Clerk. There were 11 churches in the Association, with 7 ordained ministers.

Minutes of the 51st Annual Session of the
Washington Association of Primitive Baptists
held with Bethlehem Church, Washington Co., Ark.
on 6, 7 and 8 days of October, 1888.

Eld. J R Loving, Springdale, Moderator; W H Holcomb, Springdale, Clerk. 22 churches with total membership of 816. Washington County churches were Bethlehem, Fall Creek, Zion, Shiloh, Liberty, West Fork, Boston and Good Hope.

Ordained Ministers

Edmond Osborn, Devore, Ark.
N F Goodrich, Elm Springs
Wm. Ingram, Fayetteville
Eli Chadoin, Sprindale
G H Loving, Wesley
Daniel Blevins, Delany
R M Wood, Prairie Grove
B Drake, Drake's Creek
J S Cowin, Wedington
J N Duncan, Drake's Creek
A R Grigg, Kingston
S G Grigg, Kingston
J E Reavis, Boston
H C Stansberry, Boston
J B Edwards, Boston
C H Patterson, Boston
Riddle Patterson, Boston
J B Hendrixson, Devore
J M Goad, Aurora
G Fairchilds, Devore
S C H Pitman, Piney
F G Eubanks, Drake's Creek
A A Edwards, Wedington
William Hudson, Wedington
E Hern, Wedington
L R Lee, Dump, Ark.
Alfred Drake, Purdy, Mo

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Minutes of the 63rd annual session of the
Washington Association of Regular Baptists,
held with Ebenezer Church, Washington Co., Ark.
October 6, 7, 8, 1900

J R Loving, Moderator; W H Holcomb, Clerk

Obituary of Eld. James Dodson, who died near Imboden, Ark., Apr 4, 1900 and was buried at Springdale, Ark., his home, on the 6th day of same month. He joined Bethel Church of Primitive Baptists, Lawrence County, at age of 20 and joined Shiloh Church March 11. Was chosen Associate Pastor of Shiloh and Ebenezer Churches. In 1894 was chosen Moderator of Washington Association and served for six years. As a husband, father and neighbor, he was greatly beloved; as a preacher he was zealous and deeply devoted to his calling.

The 1900 Report lists only four Ordained Ministers: J S Cowan of Wedington, 52; J R Loving 49 of Springdale, Eli Chaudoin 87 of Springdale, and A Drake 48 of Whitener. Two Licensed Ministers were listed: Wm Osborne 56 of Wheeler and J M Brown 64 of West Fork. There were ten churches in the Association, with a total of 332 members.

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The Freedom Baptist Association convened with the Cedar Bluff Church in Greene County, Missouri, Oct. 14, 1865. J P Thomas was Moderator and L J Tatum, Clerk. The Report was printed by Sentinel Office, Bolivar, Mo., 1865. The "Statistical Table" shows eight member churches, all in Missouri. The ordained ministers: J P Akin, James Spain, Jesse Wommack, L A Smith, D R Murphy, H J Mapes, L J Tatom.

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Fayetteville Baptist Association - 15th annual session
held with Vineyard Church, Washington County
on 8, 9, 10 of October, 1885.
Elder J. Mayes, Moderator, and H. P. Greene, Clerk
32 churches in the Association: 19 in Washington, 10 in Madison,
2 in Crawford and one in Johnson Co.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 16th annual session,
held with West Fork Church, Washington County, Oct. 7,8,9, 1886.
Elder J. Mayes of Fayetteville, Moderator.
H. P. Greene of Boonsboro, Clerk.
34 churches with total memberships of 1857.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 17th annual session
held with Oak Grove Church, Washington Co., Ark., Oct. 6,7,8, 1887
Elder J. Mayes, Moderator; H, P. Greene, Clerk.
37 churches, all in Washington County except 6 in Madison Co.
Total members, 1690.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 18th annual session
held with Shady Grove Church, Washington Co., Oct. 11, 12, 13, 1888
Elder T. H. Day of Farmington, Moderator.
H. P. Greene of Prairie Grove, Clerk
List of Ordained Ministers as follows:

J. Mayes, Fayetteville
I. N. Anderson, Farmington
G. P. Hanks, Springdale
J. Crawford, Sulphur City
J. A. Smith, Pitkin
J. C. Peters, Anna
O. D. Slaughter, Goshen
T. Boyd, Springdale
H. B. Borders, Farmington
H. C. Winstead, Howe
J. D. Woolsey, Pitkin
T. H. Day, Farmington
J. H, Colbert, Springdale
G. T. Tatum, Tolu
M. Spyres, Pitkin
M. H. Spyres, Pitkin
J. S. Spyres, Pitkin
I. Jones, Strickler
A. W. Prescott, Lincoln
G. L. Smith, Winslow
A. Petete, Pitkin
W. C. Eads, Anna
Riley Jones, Carter's Store
G. Bryant, Goshen
Cleburn Jones, Durham
J. H. Layman, Sulphur City
D. H. Barron, West Fork

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 19th annual session
held with Little Elm Church, Washington Co., Oct. 10, 11, 12, 1889.
Elder G.P.Hanks of Johnson, Moderator; H.P.Greene of Prairie Grove, Clerk.
Committee composed of M. F. Cunningham, J. H. Colbert, F. G. Kimbrough
reported Digest of Letters, as follows:

Center Point had series of meetings which resulted in an addition of 12 by baptism, 3 by letters. Paid Pastor J.H. Colbert $81.
Antioch is in a lukewarm state, having one addition by letter, but enjoying peace and harmony in their midst. Paid pastor $23.90.
Lee's Creek is in good condition, having a glorious revival resulting in addition of 13 by baptism.
Valley Grove reports no progress. Paid J.A.Smith, pastor, $42.
Little Elm reports increase of 3 by baptism, 2 by letter; dismissed by letter 13; excluded 4.

Shady Grove reports 9 by baptism and 2 by letter.
Prairie View reports 4 by baptism, 2 by letter, 1 by relation.
New Hope reports healthy condition; redeived 13 by letter, 1 by baptism.
Wheeler is in a prosperous state, though weak in numbers.
Vineyard has increased: 18 by baptism, 2 by letter and 3 by relation.
Bethlehem reports 6 by baptism and 3 by letter.
Mount Zion had an increase of 3.
Wedington Gap is in a lukewarm state; had increase of 4.
Liberty reports good condition, increase of 3.
Garrett Creek reports increase of 1 by restoration and 2 by letter.
West Fork reports harmonious condition; increase of 4.
Oak Grove reports an increase of 2 by letter.
Illinois Chapel states an increase of 6 by baptism and one by letter, having recently closed a gracious revival.
Friendship reports a cold state; received 12 by baptism, 2 by letter, 1 by restoration, 1 by relation.
First Church at Fayetteville reports a large increase -- 71 baptisms, 15 by letter and 13 by relation. The spiritual awakening was wonderful.
Round Mountain reports nothing encouraging; no increase.
Mount Vernon reports church in prosperous condition; increase of 37 by baptism and 2 by restoration. Paid pastor $80.
Springdale reports lukewarm condition; recieved one by baptism and 8 by letter. Paid pastor $62.

Obituary Committe (H.C. instead, chairman) reports death of Riley Jones, minister, age 84, and John Robinson, age 34, of Mt.Zion (Carter's Store).
J. S. Butler of Vineyard, age 77
Malinda Center 21 and L. M. Leed 41, of Antioch

Lee's Creek is a new church, while Sulphur City and Fair View have become extinct. 30 churches, with total membership of 1531. All churches are in Washington County.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 21st annual session held with Fayetteville Church, Washington County, Oct. 8,9,10, 1891. Elder J. W. Lipsey, Moderator, and H. P. Greene, Clerk.

Resolution adopted: Resolved that it is the sense of this Association, that it is impractical and unbiblical for Baptist preachers to affiliate in a ministerial capacity with ministers of other denominations.

Number of churches in the Association is 33 and of that number only a few have had revivals for the past year, and only 11 have Sunday Schools.

J. D. Fletcher, the Association's missionary, reported that he had traveled 850 miles, preached 94 sermons and offered 93 prayers. He collected $383.16 from 36 churches. Total membership, 1397. New churches: Hazel Valley, Black Oak, New Salem, Pleasant Hill. All are in Washington County except Oak Grove and Lee's Creek in Crawford County.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 22nd annual session
held with the Springdale Church, Oct. 5,6,7, 1892
Moderator, Elder J.W.Lipsey of Fayetteville; Clerk, H.P.Greene, Prairie Grove

Committee chairmen who made reports:
Home Missions - D. C. Hardin
Foreign Missions - James Isaac
Publications - B. W. Brooks
Finance - D. Christian
Women's Work in the Church - F. G. Kimbrough
Education - D. Bridenthal
Temperance - L. P. Haywood

There were 31 churches in the Association, with total membership 1338.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 23rd annual session held with the
Valley Grove Church, Washington Co., Ark., Oct. 4,5,6, 1893.
Moderator, James Isaacs of West Fork; Clerk, H.P.Green of Prairie Grove

Report of Committee on Grievances, G.L.Smith, chairman:
We your committee on grievances beg leave to report that we recommend that Mount Gilead church and Pleasant Hill call a council and settle their own grievances.
Also, we beg leave to report that after investigation we recommend the seating of the delegates of the majority from Wedington Gap Church.

Obituary committee reported the following deaths during the year:
Mary Kennon of Springdale, died Aug. 19, 1893
Mary Hood of Valley Grove, died Mar. 25, 1893
Sister A. C. Atkisson of Oak Grove, aged 20 years
Analiza Henry, aged and beloved sister of Friendship Church
Mary Harmon of Center Point
Finus Lichlyter of Springdale, aged about 55
Mary Baker of Mount Vernon Church
M.V.Farmer 59 of Lee's Creek and Ann Farmer 48 of Lee's Creek
Levina Jack of Little Elm Church

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 24th annual session held with
Providence Church, Washington Co., Ark., Oct. 10,11,12, 1894.
Moderator, H.C.Winsted, Prairie Grove; Clerk, H.P.Greene, PrairieGrove

Rieff's Chapel joined the Association, making a total of 33 churches.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 26th annual session, held with
The Mount Vernon Church, Washington Co., Ark., Oct.8,9,10, 1896.
Moderator, Winsted; Clerk, Greene.
24 churches, all in Washington Co., with total of 1363 members.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 27th annual session
held with the Mt.Pisgah Church, Washington Co., Ark., Oct.7,8,9, 1897.
Moderator, Elder H.C.Winsted; Clerk, H.P.Greene.

Printed by Argus Print Shop, Cincinnati, Ark.
28 churches, all in Washington Co. except Lee's Creek in Crawford.
Total membership 1428.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - Minutes of 28th annual session held with Liberty Church "at Dutch Mills near the Cherokee Line", Oct. 8, 9, 10, 1898.
Moderator, H.C.Winsted; Secty and Treas., H. P. Greene.
There were 25 churches in the Association. Pastors were:

Fayetteville, Francis Bozeman
Springdale, A. H. Autry
Prairie Grove, J. F. Parker
Liberty, Little Elm, Island Chapel - H. C. Winstead
Valley Grove, Providence, Center Point, Eureka - J.Crawford
Mt. Pisgah, Wedington - E. Moss
Mt. Vernon, Rev. Miller
Shady Grove, Elm Springs, New Hope - G. P. Hanks
Friendship, I M. Phillips
Lee's Creek, Oak Grove, New Bethel - J. R. Peters
Rock Springs, A. C. Dees
Bethlehem, M. H. Spyres
Mt. Gilead, J. C. Peters
Mt. Zion, J. A. Stone

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 29th annual session, held with Springdale Church, Washington Co., Ark., Oct. 7, 8, 9, 1899
Moderator, H.C.Winsted; Clerk, H. P. Greene.
(Report printed by the Prairie Grove Globe.)
24 churches with total membership of 1243.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 30th annual session , held with Center Point Church, Washington Co., Ark., 8 miles east of Fayetteville on Oct. 13, 14, 15, 1900.
Moderator, A. H. Autry of Springdale; Clerk, H.P.Greene of PrairieGrove.

Unable to secure Missionaries from without the Association, the Executive Board named four (D.L.Hood, H.C.Winstead, J.R.Peters, E. Moss). These four worked from 25 to 82 days each, preached 165 sermons that resulted in 16 conversions, 29 baptisms, organized 3 churches, and sold $133 worth of books. They were paid $1 per day for their services. There were 24 churches in the Association.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 32nd annual session held with the Prairie Grove Church, Washington Co., Ark., Sept. 6,7,8, 1902.
Moderator, J.Crawford of Sulphur City; Clerk, A.L.Thompson, Springdale.

This issue carried advertisement of Ouachita Bentonville Academy, controlled by the Baptist denomination of the State of Arkansas. Property consists of an elegant 3-story brick building, valued at $12,500, and a new 2-story brick dormitory valued at $4,500. Faculty of six experienced teachers. Cost of board and tuition is $8 to $10 per month. Tuition to ministers' children at half the regular rates.

Prof. S. C. Paris, Principal
Rev.I.R.Hall, Chairman Local Board
W. O. Young, Secretary

There were 26 churches in the Association, including two new ones -- Sugar Hill at Uniontown, Crawford Co., and Apostolic Church at Sydenham in Washington Co.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 33rd annual session, held with the Shady Grove Church, 3 miles southwest of Springdale, Sept.5,6,7, 1903. Moderator, I.M.Phillips, Springdale; Clerk, C.W.Walker, Fayetteville.

There were 23 churches in the Association. Largest were Springdale 238 and Fayetteville 189. Fayetteville paid its pastor $1,127; Springdale paid its pastor $867. Other churches paid from $20 to $70. Springdale and Fayetteville were the only churches that had four meeting days a month. All the others met only once a month.

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 34th annual session, held with Spring Creek Church (near Elm Springs), Sept. 2, 3, 4, 1904.
Moderator, I.M.Phillips of Springdale; Sec., Elder D.L.Hood of Elkins.

Church	Pastor	Clerk	Post Office
Apostolic	D L Hood	H W Miller	Sydenham
Antioch	J E Denham	Abner Anderson	Fayetteville
Elm Springs	W C Hamby	R H Clayton	Elm Springs
Fayetteville	J E Denham	Dan Lipsey	Fayetteville
Goshen	J A Stone	D O Gilliland	Goshen
Lee's Creek		R Hopkins	Anna
Little Elm	D L Hood	Tom Johnson	Farmington
Liberty	E Moss	F G Kimbrough	Dutch Mills
Mt. Pisgah		Polly Hayne	Lincoln
Mt. Gillead	John Parker	Geo.Smith	Viney Grove
Mt. Vernon	D L Hood	F M Brooks	Habberton
New Hope	W S Luper	A C Masterson	Johnson
Prairie Grove	E Moss	S R Wilson	Prairie Grove
Pitkin	Jos.Robinson	S L Jett	Pitkin
Providence	D L Hood	B S Burks	Fayetteville
Prairie View	J F Parker	C M Cohea	Rickert
Shady Grove	I M Phillips	G W Brooks	Johnson
Springdale	J A Smith	Guy Phillips	Springdale
Spring Creek	I M Phillips	W F Grimsley	Elm Springs
Rock Springs	E Hern	R Diment	Rhea
Valley Grove	W E Fleenor	W E Williams	Elkins
Valley Grove No.2	M H Spyres	C D McLain	Winslow
Vineyard	J H Burnett	T P Burnett	Evansville
Wager	T F Jones	N M Thompson	Thornsberry
Wedington	A C Dees	J E Dees	Wedington
Westville, I.T.	E Moss	J B Allison	Westville
Center Point	J A Stone	N W Phillips	Wyman

Fayetteville Baptist Association - 35th annual session, held with the Westville Church, I.T., Sept. 2, 3, 4, 1905.
Moderator, Phillips; Secretary and Treasurer, Hood.

There were 28 churches in the Association, including new churches at Wager and Westville. The two largest churches were Springdale 237, and Fayetteville 230. The smallest churches were Sulphur City 9 and Pitkin 12.

(The third installment of our history of the Baptist Associations of northwest Arkansas will appear in the next issue of FLASHBACK.)

AMATEUR THEATRICALS at Prairie Grove (Probably a Christmas play)

U.D.C. AT Prairie Grove

(Photos courtesy of Faye Dearing Barr)

BROTHER SHERMAN AND HIS WORDS OF COMFORT

by Deane G. Carter

"Eighty-four years, nine months, and nineteen days seems like a good long life, but to the one who has lived it, it is like a watch in the night."

So begins the funeral service conducted by the Rev. William Sherman for Mrs. Bessie May Cress, at Wiggins Memorial Church on Mar. 7, 1958. The unusual feature of this service was that the minister who conducted it preached the sermon 72 years after he had begun his career in Washington County.

Brother William Sherman was the son of early settlers. He was a native of Northwest Arkansas, largely self-educated, a vigorous, active Methodist minister whose career extended over a period of more than 70 years. It was my privilege to have known William Sherman for a good many years; to hear the last sermon he preached at Central Church in Fayetteville; and to have him sit in my Church School class on more than one occasion.

He was awarded a "Distinguished Citizen" citation by the Washington County Historical Society in 1955. The Society also published a limited edition of Brother Sherman's autobiography. In the introduction to "The Life of William Sherman" the editor, W. J. Lemke, a friend and neighbor, wrote:

> "So here is a man who knew the old days; who witnessed the shooting-up of revival services by drunken gunmen; who rode horseback to his early appointments; who knew the early Methodist bishops, college presidents, and just plainpreachers; who is the lone survivor of the ministry in the Arkansas Conference of 67 years ago. . .
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> "His years in the Methodist ministry in Arkansas cover the period from 1886 to 1949 (he was to live and work for another 10 years). . .and range from pastoral appointments in the backwoods to the great councils of the Methodist Church. .He is a worthy descendant of the pioneers who made this country such a good place to live and work."

William Sgerman is his own best authority on the activites and experiences of his long ministry. His autobiography covers the many phases of his career from school days to retirement, and is filled with incidents that reval the varied nature of a preacher's life. "The Life of William Sherman" is on the shelves of the Arkansas Room of the Fayetteville Public Library, together with the books of funeral notes that were presented to the Washington County Historical Society by William Sherman's son, S. H. Sherman of St.Simon's Island, Georgia, then placed in the Library for reference. The remainder of this article is taken largely from the autobiography and the funeral notes. We have space only for brief excerpts and quotations:

"In June 1886 my church recommended me for a license to preach. I was just 16 years of age. Accordingly on July 17, 1886 at Grandview Church near Greathouse Springs, 6 miles northwest of Fayetteville, I was granted a license to preach....It was the beginning of my authority to preach and of my life's work.

I entered the pulpit as a prospective minister for the first time at Zion church, 5 miles northeast of Fayetteville, and concluded the service. I preached my first sermon on July 25 in a little church-schoolhouse known as Webster's Chapel, located about one and a half miles west of Elm Springs. My text was Matthew 5:16, and just 68 years later to the day and hour, I preached at my old home church from the same text -- but to a different congregation....It was not the same sermon, either, but perhaps no better; at least the effort was no more in earnest.

Early in 1889 I was asked to take the work on the Goshen Circuit for a year. I accepted, and thus began my pastoral work. I had seven organized churches and soon organized the eighth. That year I had more than 100 conversions and received the sum of $101 for my services...

I joined the Arkansas Conference in Conway Nov. 20, 1889....There is not (in December 1955) a member of that Conference living except myself. Since joining the Conference I have taken appointments from 20 different Bishops....

My first appointment after joining the Conference was Wedington Circuit. They gave me two small schoolhouse appointments....The Methodist system of making appointments and supplying folks with the gospel has always been able to adjust itself to any and all situations...so I had my Wedington Circuit...

I located a farm house near Rhea's Mill, the home of Wash Brooks. This I could call home, get my laundry done, and pay a small monthly board for only the time I spent in the home. For a whole years, I think I paid four months' board bill. I spent most of my time out on the circuit, holding a protracted meeting at each of seven appointments. I received many into the church and was paid $155 salary.....I was supremely happy....

At that time it never occurred to me that I would ever be other than a circuit preacher and perhaps fill a small station somewhere. I knew that my lack of education would be a handicap but I made up my mind that wherever I was sent I would do the best piece of work that it was possible for me to do...Years later I served the VanBuren First Church, Fort Smith First Church, Jonesboro First Church, and Fayetteville Central....and other smaller stations.

I was 21 years Presiding Elder, being placed on my first district before I was 28 years old..... in all making 57 years in the regular ministry.....Here I must pay tribute to my faithful wife, who for almost 62 years shared my responsibilities and to whom I am largely indebted for whatever success I have achieved..We moved into 19 different towns...

Brother Sherman did not end his ministry with formal retirement, nor with the publication of his autobiography in 1955. He answered the call for service whenever he could, to fill a pulpit, take part in religious services, or conduct a funeral. He wrote: "THen there were funerals. I have held hundreds of them. Some of them would have broken a heart of stone -- no attendants, no flowers, no hope. Others have brought us so close to heaven that we could almost hear the angels sing...."

The collection of William Sherman's funeral notes is far from distressing -- indeed, his sermons were words of comfort, and he spoke with feeling and sincerity. The several brief summaries that follow will serve to recall the minister and some of the families that were a part of the history of the community.

Miss Amanda Stone: The passing of Miss Amanda Stone March 12, 1945 removes the last one of a pioneer family in Washington County. It was in the early years of the 19th century that Mr. and Mrs. Stephen K. Stone came to this county and helped found the town of Fayetteville... In the old residence on Center street they lived, and their children were born and grew to manhood and womanhood. They have passed awy one by one until Miss Amanda, the last one, went to join the immortals.... It is interesting to note that this service is being held less than a hundred yards of her birthplace just to the south..... and about the same distance east was the old church in which she was converted and took the vows....Bright, resourceful, witty, business-like -- this was Amanda Stone.

Mrs. Mary A. Schoolfield: (Mrs. Schoolfield was surely one of the oldest persons for whom William Sherman conducted funeral service.) She was born in Tennessee March 1, 1829; thus at her death in Fayetteville on Aug. 27, 1931, she was 102 years, 5 months and 22 days old. For 62 years she lived in widowhood after the death of her husband in 1869. Here we have a most remarkable life, not only for its longevity, but because of the age in which it has been spent and the period which it covers. Mrs. Schoolfield lived during the administrations of 25 of our presidents and through three of our wars...When she was born there were no telephones, telegraph, electric lights, automobiles, radios, nor airplanes...She lived to see them all come into use....As we think of her age, we begin to count back and time shrinks. If we had just 19 people who had lived as long as she, they could reach back and clasp hands with Jesus, Redeemer of Mankind...

Dr. David Yancey Thomas: I have known Dr. Thomas since 1900 and am glad for the privilege of paying this brief tribute to his memory.... He was educated at Emory College in Georgia, Vanderbilt University and Columbia University. He taught at Florida University at Gainesville, Hendrix College at Conway, and the University of Arkansas.....In 1940 under an order he was retired along with a number of others who had reached the age limit.....After that he became visiting professor at the University of Texas. Thus he rounded out a useful life at work in his chosen profession....In addition...he had written several books, contributed to magazines, daily papers, encyclopedias, and at the time of his death was editor of the Arkansas Historical Quarterly.....As i knew him, he was a quiet rather reserved man, but when the time came for him to speak he was ready, being both equipped and having the courage to speak his convictions.

Miss Lina X Reed: She was born in Fayetteville 89 years ago, and died Sept. 6, 1951 in the home where she was born. I suspect she was the oldest continuous member of this church when she died, having been a member for 79 years....She graduated from the University and, with a mind craving further knowledge, attended Cornell and Harvard Universities...until she became one of the best educated women in the state.

Alexander J. Greathouse (Funeral Feb. 16, 1937). It becomes my privilege as a lifelong friend to pay tribute to a man I have known for more than 60 years....In an early day two of my father's brothers married two of his father's sisters.... He was the last survivor of the quarterly conference that licensed me to preach.....I cannot refrain from some reminiscences of my boyhood...There was Uncle Bob Greathouse, Uncle Ab Wasson, Dr. Steele, T.F.Webster -- it seems like calling the roll of heaven...

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton: (William Sherman preached the funeral services for both James M. Hamilton in 1929 and Harriet Cason Hamilton in 1959). The latter lived to be 95 years of age. In 1928 Mrs.Hamilton enrolled for a course in Journalism at the University, Under Prof.W.J. Lemke; then kept up her writing for about 15 years. She was a great-grandmother at the time she enrolled, thus achieving national attention as "Arkansas' Great-grandmother Freshman."

Giles Emmett Ripley; he came to Fayetteville in 1908 and entered the faculty of the University of Arkansas, to which he gave 35 years of service....In 1923 when the University created the position of Dean of Men, he was appointed to this place....which he held until he resigned in 1937....He retired from the Department of Physics in 1940 and, even then, after one year he came back and taught in 1941-42, until he fell ill, ending his life's work in active service.

GEORGE W. Droke: Perhaps one of the most remarkable officers connected with the University of Arkansas...About 16 years of age when he first attended school....M.A. degree from the University in 1884.... Connected with the University from 1872 as a student or teacher for most of the time....Joined the Methodist church in 1877, thus giving him 59 years of service to it....

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Banks: Born at Sycamore, Washington County, Ark. June 17, 1851 and died at Springdale Nov. 4, 1950 at the age of 98 years, 4 months and 17 days....One of our oldest citizens and Springdale's oldest resident....and the last remaining charter member of the Methodist church in Springdale....

Mrs. Matilda Donaldson (1866-1953)...Having ended a pilgrimage of 86 years, 7 months, 15 days, a good long span of life....United im marriage to Charles M. Donaldson Oct. 17, 1889...Charley died June 13, 1948 they having lived together for 58 years, 9 months and 26 days.....Her entire life was spent in Washington County.....I first met her in 1889 when I became pastor of the Goshen Circuit. That fall, Charley came to me asking that I perform their marriage ceremony. At that time n unordained minister in the Methodist church could not perform marriage ceremonies, hence I had to refuse. Had I been eligible for such service, that would have been my first marriage ceremony to perform.... Little did I think at that time that after 64 years I would be called upon to perform the last rites for her, as I had performed the last for Charley five years before...

William Sherman died on Aug. 29, 1959, With characteristic thoughtfulness, he had prepared the program for his own funeral service, down to the scriptural passages to be read and the hymns to be sung. And to paraphrase the words he so often used at services for others, "Eighty nine years, eight months and five days seem like a good long life, but to the one who has lived it, it is but a watch in the night."

"He was a good man and a just." -- Luke 23:50

ANNIE STOCKBURGER BISHOP, SCHOOL TEACHER
1859 -- 1931

by Lyda Winn Pace

Aunt Annie was my mother8s (Mary Stockburger Winn) older sister. She was the fifth child, of twelve, of John Calvin and Martha Reed Stockburger. She was born at their mountain home northeast of West Fork on December 8, 1859.

Being among the older children she learned at an early age to help the clothing for the family. She could spin, weave, sew and knit. Wool had to be spun and the material woven before it could be sewed. Their socks, stockings and gloves had to be knit. She could do anything that was required for living in those days.

She seemed to want to take the whole household "under her wing" and this loving desire extended to nieces and nephews as they came along. Her convictions of right and wrong were firm and sometimes the younger brothers and sisters resented her reprimands. They learned, though, that they were given for their own good and not for any selfish purpose. We all loved her very much.

When quite a young woman she started a teaching career in the public schools. In the earlier years public schools were in session only three or four months of the year. She spent the intervening months helping out at home. There were always work hands to cook for, besides the large family. In spite of all the routine of work she found time to grow an abundance of flowers in the garden and also time for beautiful handwork. (I have in my possession an embroidered wool quilt, each piece put together with feather stitching and embroidered flowers with patterns taken from seed catalogs.)

Aunt Annie was always on hand when there was serious illness among any of the relatives and her presence was always a source of comfort and relief. In our own home, we looked forward to her visits and she was like one of our immediate family.

After more than twenty years of teaching, her family was astonished when she announced to them that she was going to marry William W. Bishop of Fayetteville (September 1906). He owned several business buildings in Fayetteville and had an office on East Center St., where he did notary work and served as Justice of the Peace. The Northwest Arkansas Times in June 1960 published a picture of the officials of Washington County in 1902, with William Bishop among them. There were seven county officers and the story reports that maple trees were set out south of the court house, one for each man. These trees were destroyed in 1959 when the site was converted into a parking lot.

After the wedding they went to a home already prepared on Cleveland Avenue. There being no church in that section of Fayetteville, they attended a little mission on Rose Hill. Aunt Annie went to work in the Sunday School and went, as it were, with a bread basket on her arm, ministering to the sick and needy. An account of the organization of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was published in the Centennial edition of the Northwest A rkansas Times, from which the following excerpts are quoted:

"In November 1913, Rev. G.L.M.Pond and Elder J.C. Stockburger met at the home of Mrs. Annie Bishop to organize the Cumberland Presbyterian Church..... Mr. Hugh Pond and R. L. Potter were named Elders and Mrs. M.J.Goddard deaconess.....A year later a church was built and services held.....Mrs. Annie Bishop donated the land for the church. The Rev G.L.M.Pond was the first minister."

After the death of Uncle Will in 1916, Aunt Annie bought a home on Douglas Street in Fayetteville, directly across the street from the church. Soon after she gave an adjoining lot and a generous amount of money for the erection of a Manse. The church was generally known as "The Little Brick Church" but to her relatives it was "Aunt Annie's church." In the spring of 1919 the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was host to their General Assembly. Aunt Annie gave the welcome address. My heart swelled with pride as she stood before that large delegation of church people and spoke with as much ease as if she were telling us a story in our own living room.

Her health began to fail in 1929. In September 1930 we brought her to our home to live the rest of her days. The following paragraphs are from her obituary as published in the Fayetteville Daily Democrat on Oct. 13, 1931.

MRS. ANNIE BISHOP DIES AT WINDLOW
Former County School Teacher and Large Supporter
of Church To Be Buried Wednesday

Mrs. Annie Stockburger Bishop died at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Winn, at Winslow on Monday. Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at her sister's home with Rev.J.H.Kelly of Fayetteville in charge, assisted by Rev. Russell Harding. Interment will be at the Evergreen cemetery beside her late husband, W.W.Bishop.

Mrs.Bishop was born at West Fork Dec.8, 1859. For many years she was a popular and successful teacher in the public schools of the county.

In infancy Mrs. Bishop had been baptized into the Cumberland Presbyterian church and she remained a loyal member until her death. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Douglas St. in Fayetteville, and the Manse are monuments of her love for the church, as she gave liberally toward their erection and it was largely through her interes that this church was established.

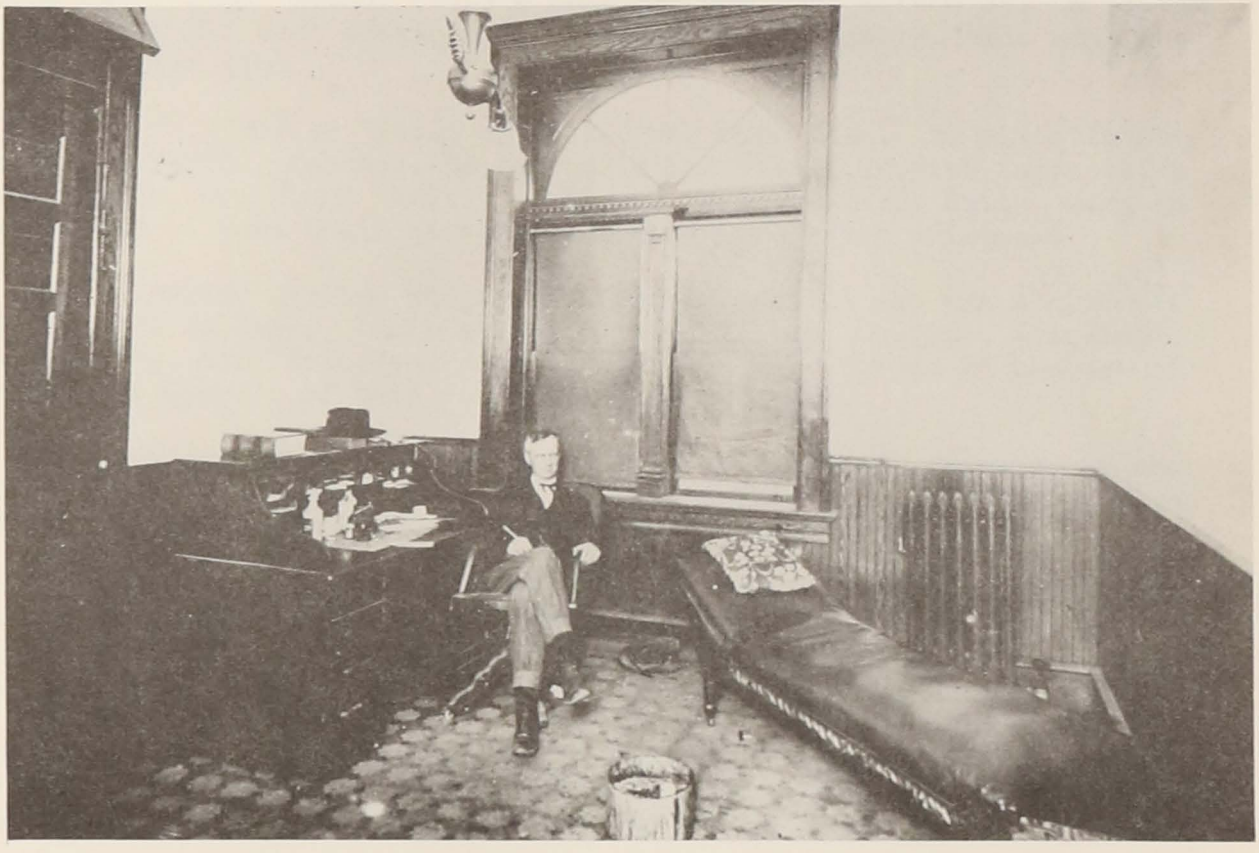
She leaves three sisters: Mrs.N.E.Stockburger of Oglesby, Texas, Mrs. H. L. Karnes of Woolsey, and Mrs. George Winn of Winslow. Also four brothers: J. R. Stockburger of Pasadena, Calif.; J.A., E.E. and C.C. Stockburger, all of West Fork. Two brothers, M.A.Stockburger and Rev. J.W.Stockburger, preceded her in death.

REQEST FOR HELP

I wish information concerning AARON HUGHES, wagonmaker, born in Tenn. 1850 census shows him in Washington Co. and his age as 41. Think age in error. Wife, Nancy, 50, born in Tenn. Others in household: Franklin 21, born Tenn; Sarah 17, born Ark; James 25, born Tenn; Stephen 14, born Ark; Nancy 12, born Ark; Thomas 9, born Ark; and Salinda Carter 18, born Ark. Need will of AAron and any other data.

Mrs. W. T. Garner,
Jacksboro, Texas

ANNIE STOCKBURGER BISHOP



WILLIAM BISHOP

(See article in this issue by Mrs. Lyda Winn Pace)

THE HOUSE OF CROZIER -- IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

by Ruth Holt Payne, Lincoln, Ark.

One of the oldest houses in Washington County sets at the foot of a hill in the Dutch Mills area. Originally, it was a log cabin but later a lean-to addition was built on. It is in fair condition for all its alleged 132 years. Although it was built by an unknown person, for many years it has been known as the "old Crozier place."

The first postmaster of Knoxville, Tenn. was named Crozier and it is probable he was a relative of the Arkansas Croziers. John Barton Crozier, born 1799, one of 17 children, brought his family from Tennessee to Washington County, Arkansas about 1850. The name, John Barton, has been perpetuated in every generation since.

The Crozier family once lived in Canehill but the land where the old house stands was known as their permanent home. The abstract to the designated land states that it was an original land grant to Thomas Carlyle in 1836. This would have been four years prior to the building of the house, which old residents "heard tell" was built in 1832. The property was transferred to Wm. Carlyle in 1839.

In 1857 the land was transferred to John B. Crozier. In 1889 it was transferred to J. K. P. Crozier, son of John B. John B. Crozier had three other sons: Arthur (Art) Ç Charles, and John Barton Jr. As little information has been obtained about them, this history deals with the J.K.P.Crozier line.

James K. P. Crozier, known as Polk, was born 1844. He was a farmer and Presbyterian preacher. He served in the Civil War with Capt. Alvin Beaty under Gen. Stand Watie. While he and Travis L. Beaty were in Huntsville to have their horses shod, they were taken prisoner.

J.K.P. Crozier married Margaret Bates of Canehill who was a graduate of Canehill College. Their children were William, Charles, Elizabeth, Joseph, Roy, Mary Kate, and John Barton who was drowned at the age of seven. All members of this generation are deceased.

Elizabeth graduated from the University of Arkansas, probably in the time including the years 1897-98. She was a teacher. She married Hugh Evans, and their children were Margaret, Elizabeth and Fount.

Charles was a farmer. He married first Ena Morrow and twins were born to them, Patsy and Margie. Patsy died young. Charles' second marriage was to Nancy Icenogle. Their children are Natalie, Louise, Polk and John Barton.

William was a graduate of the University of Arkansas. He was a farmer and once a postal clerk in Lincoln. He married Myrtle English. Their children were Irene and Eunice; both died young.

Mary Kate attended the University for a time. She married Edwin Harris, a Presbyterian preacher -- no issue.

Roy graduated from the College of the Ozarks at Clarksville, Ark. He and his wife, who was Clem White, both taught school. Roy also farmed and carried the mail. Their children were Mary and Russell.

Joseph was an American Railway Express clerk. He married Julia Osborn and their children were Joe Jr. and Margaret.

In later years J.K.P. Crozier built a new house for his family but all his children except Roy were born in the old house with the beamed ceiling. There is a legend that goes with the house. At some undetermined time, a man -- for some unknown reason -- was claimed to have been buried under the fireplace. Evidently no one considered the story worth an investigation until some time in the early 1900s when a Mr. Foster moved there.

As the legend kept bothering him, he dug in the designated place -- and came up with a skeleton! He lost no time in putting the remains at rest in some now forgotten spot on the farm. True or false, the tale lives on and the present owners may unexpectedly meet the "evidence"in their farming activities, some time.

A NOTE FROM A SKELTON WHO REMEMBERS

I have just read the paragraphs in the January FLASHBACK about the John T. Skelton graveyard. I was pleased to know that the place has come to the attention of the people. My intention in writing this is to correct any thought in anyone's mind that the people buried there had been forgotten by any of the grandchildren. I am the oldest, but left Fayetteville with my parents in 1899 before most of the other grandchildren were born -- and that was in other states, so we never saw the grandparents.

John T. Skelton had lived there since he came with his parents in 1830 at the age of one year. He was a veteran of the Civil War. His wife had lived most of her life there, too, and they raised a large family on the farm. The cemetery is located at or near the southeast corner of the Skelton farm, now a part of the city of Fayetteville. I was born on the Skelton farm, about where the Fountain Motel stands today (1765 N.College Ave.) in 1883, which makes me past 80. Fayetteville has always been very dear to me, though I have not been back since 1907. Life has been busy for me.

After the sons of the Skelton family had all passed away, in far places, I fear the attention of the grandchildren was not directed toward the upkeep of a cemetery of which they knew little. Alan G Skelton, who left Fayetteville with his parents when he was one year old, made several trips from Vicksburg, Miss. in 1960 and after. His purpose was to locate the cemetery and see what could be done about fixing it up. As you know, he fixed the fence and placed markers ("Historical Cemetery") on the four sides.

Mrs. Nellie Skelton Handsaeme,
1339 - 36th St. S.E., Forest Lawn,
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

The CROZIER HOME near Dutch Mills

The RHEA HOUSE at Rhea's Mill

(Photos by Ruth Holt Payne)

PICTURE PAGES

FLASHBACK pioneered the use of pictures in county historical magazines that are produced by the mimeo process. The Washington County Historical Society was already picture-minded 14 years ago. In the early years of our publication, we produced our picture pages by letter-press printing, which required the purchase of expensive halftone engravings. Our picture pages are now produced by the offset process.

We are living in a picture age. County historical societies who do not collect and publish pictures of people, places and events are missing some of the values and fun of local history.

In this issue of FLASHBACK, we are including 18 picture pages -- a record for our historical journal. This picture coverage costs us about $300. We believe this is a good investment, because of the readers' interest in pictures and especially because the publication of these old pictures helps preserve them for future generations.

Here are the 18 picture pages in this issue of FLASHBACK:

1. Cover picture of Mrs. Lucinda Sawyers
2. Cane Hill College girls at the College spring
3. Farewell for the Osborns on Beaty Mountain
4. Prairie Grove second grade, taught by Lucy Sanders
5. Amateur theatricals at Prairie Grove
6. Social life at the spring in Mock Park
7. Charter of Sylva Lodge F&AM at Maguire's Store
8. The Red Star hotel near Pettigrew
9. The old depot at Brentwood
10. The Crozier log house near Dutch Mills
11. Photos from the Buchanan family album
12. Tintypes of the Mayes-Peersons of Johnson
13. Wallace and Dearing families of Prairie Grove
14. Old Photos of Major Billingsley and the Gilbreaths
15. Old-time beards, including Phelans and Moores
16. More beards, especially J.P.A.Parks and Harvey Hudgins
17. Annie Stockburger, school teacher and church builder
18. Razorback "scrub" football team of 1902.

Repeating, we're picture-minded. So, it is a pleasure to reproduce some of the fine old photos that Faye Dearing Barr of Baton Rouge sent us, and the Mayes-Peerson tintypes from Vale Mayes of Edinburg, Texas. Mrs. Barr is a Dearing-Wallace descendant of the Prairie Grove area, and Vale Mayes hails from the Johnson-Springdale area. They are loyal friends of the WCHS. And then comes a packet of pictures from Mrs. Roberta Jones of LaHabra, Calif., of the Phelans, Moores and Wilsons who sleep in the old cemetery a mile or two east of the Fayetteville airport. Also single pictures from a number of contributors.

All photographic copying of our old pictures was done by one of our members, Henry C. Green. The printing of our picture pages is the work of Shofner's in Rogers, with special thanks to Wayne Brandon, who is Shofner's expert offset printer.

-- WJL

CANE HILL COLLEGE BEAUTIES OF 70 YEARS AGO

On the facing page is a photograph of the Cane Hill College girls, taken at the spring on the college campus in September 1893. The picture was sent us by Mrs. Etta McColloch of Clarksville, Ark., who was a Cane Hill girl herself but is now, at age 92, engaged in remembering. She writes us occasionally, to tell us what good work our Society is doing. We need letters like that.

Here is the identification of the girls on the picture:

Top row:
Ola Bean, Clara Earle, Bess Sharp, Mary Kate Crozier, Ethel Moore, Virgie Mann, Hattie Reynolds, Joe Lewis.

2nd row:
Etha West, Lizzie,Crozier, Laura McColloch, Mag Lewis, Gerde Carnahan, Edna Tennant, Miss Kate Moore, Mattie Babb, Amy Tuell, Nannie Tuell.

3rd row:
Bettie Moore, Eva Carnahan, Fannie Tennant, Bird Kirby, Eva Tennant, Allie Russell.

4th row:
Fay Reynolds, Lizzie Lewis, Annie McColloch, Edith Sharp, Gerde Sharp, Bess Kirby, Ada Jackson, Kate McClure, Bess McClellan, Edna Jackson, Sallie McColloch.

On the back of the original photograph, someone had written these lines: "Thanks for letting me have the joy of looking at these dear faces from the long ago -- the dear, dear faces. God bless the memory of each one."

To which we say Amen.

CO-EDS OF CANE HILL COLLEGE at the College Spring in September 1893

(Photo courtesy Etta McColloch)

NEWS BRIEFS

GENEALOGY

The new postoffice address of the Arkansas Family Historian, which is published by the Arkansas Genealogical Society, is Box587, Conway, Ark. The editor is Mrs. Guy W. Murphy. Write her a letter to wish her well on her new assignment. Or better yet, send her some genealogical material for publication. Make a note of the address: Box 587, Conway.

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MT.COMFORT

The folks at Mt. Comfort have formed an organization to build a memorial Wall around their church and community building. The Wall will bear three historical plaques, one of which will be placed and dedicated this summer. The other two will be erected as soon as Funds become available. Chairman of the project is Tom Lavender of our Society. His address is Sang Ave., Fayetteville. Send him a dollar bill and get on his mailing list. He will keep you posted. The Washington County Historical Society is cooperating.

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VISITOR FROM L.A.

A recent visitor to our WCHS office was Dr. R.W.Greene of Los Angeles. He was in Fayetteville to attend the 40th anniversary of his graduation from the University. His grandfather was county judge of Washington County and published a newspaper at Prairie Grove. His great-grandfather was a Confederate soldier, whose letter from the Johnson's Island prison camp was published in a recent issue of FLASHBACK.

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INDEX TO FLASHBACK

The secretary has only 15 copies left of the Index to the first 13 volumes of FLASHBACK (1951 to 1964). The Index has helped a number of researchers. For example, Mrs. Moore of Oklahoma City visited Fayetteville a few weeks ago, looking for Boyd ancestors, Oxfords, and others. She found the Vernon cemetery at Oxford Bend but missedthe Goshen and other cemeteries. However,our Index revealed that FLASHBACK HAD PUBLISHED THESE CEMETERY LISTS IN L(%# AND L(%$. We were able to furnish a list of the Boyds and Oxfords buried in three Washington County cemeteries. The price of the Index is $3. Order from the Secretary, Deane G. Carter, Box 237, Fayetteville, Ark.

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VISITOR FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Another recent visitor to the WCHS office was R. M. Buchanan of Wexford, Pa., also a graduate of the University and a descendant of the pioneer Buchanans of Cane Hill. He is much interested in having a historical marker placed at the site of the Buchanan-Moore mill at Cane Hill. The old mill wheel, 34 feet in diameter, is still standing, and the Arkansas Highway Department has cleaned the site. We told Mr. Buchanan that our Society would cooperate in the erection of this historical marker.

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A REUNION ON NORTH BEATY MOUNTAIN A HALF CENTURY AGO

The accompanying picture was taken about 1909. It is made up of old-timers on North Beaty Mountain and Lincoln. The occasion was a gathering honoring Mr. and Mrs. Dan Osborn and children, who are seated in the front center of the picture. Mr. Osborn had "consumption" and was leaving for the western states for his health.

Friends, relatives gathered for a dinner on the grounds. The Osborns lived on his father's place, the Peter Osborn farm just north of the Beaty cemetery. The Peter Osborn family were among the early settlers and owned the first saw-mill on the mountain, located on their farm.

Old-timers will recognize some of the following faces in the picture:

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Beaty and daughters Ruth and Della and son Lem
Alvin's brothers, Frank M. and Sam Beaty
Ben and Frank Howard
Mr. and Mrs. F. ... Findley
Libern Carter
Mr. and Mrs. John Bain
John Rhea
Bobbie Diamond
Tom Norwood and son Fred and daughters Clara, Allie and Sylva
Earl Holt and daughters Reda and Viola and son Mack
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cushing and children, Sam, Etta and Troy
Mr. and Mrs. John Snodgrass and children
George Snodgrass
Mr. and Mrs. Oren Davis and children
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Vawters and children, Dessie, Ada
Fannie and Lola Norwood
Mr. and Mrs. Cick Osborn and children
George Collins and daughters Bettie and Hannah
Minnie Vandever
Pete Collins and son Ola
Abb Rich
Mr. and Mrs. Meigs
Willie Carter
Mr. and Mrs. Sales
Mrs. Davis
Cornelius Brown
Bob Frazier
Willie Beach

There is an interesting story concerning the Beaty cemetery. Alexander Beaty gave the land to be used for the ce etery The road, which in those days did not follow sections, was on the north side of the cemetery. Later, surveyors came and established section lines and discovered that the cemetery land was on the Peter Osborn farm, so it was Mr. Osborn's turn to give the land for a cemetery, which he did. The road was changed on the line on the south side of the cemetery. Thus, both men gave a gift. Many of the pioneers sleep there, along with Peter Osborn and Alexander Beaty and their descendants.

Photo and information courtesy of Mrs. Burlene Hilton, Lincoln, Ark.

OSBORN FAREWELL PARTY on Beaty Mountain
(See names on facing page)

NEWS BRIEFS

VISITOR FROM WASHINGTON

A commencement visitor to Fayetteville May 30, who spent a pleasant hour in the WCHS office, was Miss Marguerite Gilstrap of Washington, D.C. She is a descendant of early Washington County families and told us how much she enjoyed the pictures we published recently of the obsolete depots on the St.Paul branch of the Frisco - from Mr.Bayles' collection.

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GOODSPEED

A reader asks what a copy of the Goodspeed history of northwest Arkansas is worth. It is priced in book catalogs at $72. We advise holding it at $100. But the price may change, since several publishers, including Hugh Park of the VanBuren, Ark. Press-Argus are publishing reprints of the Goodspeed county histories. Our WCHS has one copy of Goodspeed's "Northwest Arkansas" and we wish we had another. Our copy is in constant use.

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A SHINN VISITS US

A recent office visitor was Erwin Shinn, who retired after some 40 years with the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. He has published his "Memoirs" and brought a copy to our office. Also, he brought a copy of the published history of the Shinn family. Our chief interest was in his kinsman, Josiah Shinn, author of a dozen books including "Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas." And, more importantly, promoter of the state's first chautauquas (Springdale and Mountain Home) and head of Springdale College in Washington County.

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FAVORITE PEOPLE

There have been other office visitors, including Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Smith of Miami, Texas. These are two of our very favorite people. They never want anything, except to wish us well in our historical work. We suspect that Mrs.Smith is the family historian (southwest Arkansas), but Mr. Smith is a University graduate and has roots in Madison County.

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GREENHAW

Our office neighbor and coffee-drinking companion, Karl Greenhaw, attorney, observed the 50th anniversary of his graduation on May 29. His brother Frank of Fort Worth came to Fayetteville for the 40th anniversary of his graduation from the UofA. Soon or late, their sister, Mrs. Coffman of Harrison, will have to write the history of the Greenhaw family. The Washington County Historical Society will be happy to publish it.

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KIMBROUGH

A visitor to our WCHS office June 1 was Felix Kimbrough of Oklahoma City. He is a descendant of the pioneer Kimbroughs of Dutch Mills. He said he merely dropped in to tell us what a fine job we are doing on Washington County history. He told us that the Kimbroughs are now publishing a family quarterly, with some 500 Kimbrough subscribers.

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SOCIAL LIFE AT PRAIRIE GROVE 50 YEARS AGO

Social pleasures at Prairie Grove a half century ago included visiting at the spring in Mock Park and meeting the train at the depot.

The pictures on the facing page were sent to us by Mrs. Harold T. Barr.

Identification:

Picture No. 1, taken at the spring in Prairie Grove, shows Van Carl, Deane W. Dearing, Grace Dunlavy, Martha Pyeatt and May Hannah.

Picture No. 2, also at the spring, shows a Miss West, Mattie Pyeatt and Nora Dean.

Picture No. 3, taken at the depot, shows Martha Pyeatt McCormick, Deane Wallace Dearing, and May Hannah.

SOCIAL LIFE
at
PRAIRIE GROVE
about
50 Years Ago

(Identification
on facing page.)

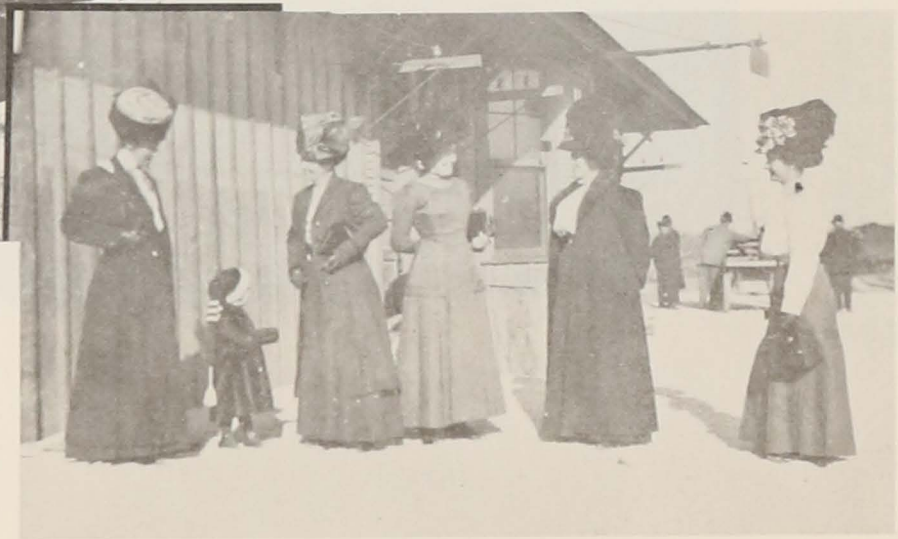
Above and left:

Groups at the Boone spring
in Mock Park.

Below

Scene at Frisco Depot
in Prairie Grove.

(Photos courtesy of Faye Dearing Barr)



HOTEL AT RED STAR, ARKANSAS, ABOUT 1908

This rare old picture was loaned to us by one of our members, Ray Larrabee, who appears in the picture standing fourth from left. Others are members of the Phillips family, three Eatons, Dad Elwin, Jim Townsley and Marion Yates. Red Star was a post office near Pettigrew in the lumbering days of a half century ago.

NEWS BRIEFS

LITERARY HISTORY

We are gathering material for a literary history of Washington County, to include Newspaper editors like Quesenbury and Boudinot; historians like D. Y. Thomas and W. S. Campbell; more recent writers like C.J.Finger and Charles Morrow Wilson; and the poets, Rosa Zagnoni Marinoni, Irene Carlisle,Edsel Ford, Marie Rushing, Mary Anne Davis, and many more. We will welcome information and contributions for this special literary issue of FLASHBACK.

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MUSEUM

We have had several letters asking where antiques and relics pertaining to northwest Arkansas should be sent. Our WCHS does not operate a museum and we have no facilities for storing historical relics. We suggest that you contact Fred McGuistion, chairman Battlefield Commission, Prairie Grove, Ark. The PrairieGrove commission is constructing a building in Battlefield Park that will house a pioneer-&-battle museum, an auditorium, and other facilities. The money ($100,000) came from the Hindman estate. Prairie Grove Battlefield Park is an Arkansas state park.

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MY VERY FAVORITE HISTORIAN

Margaret Smith Ross of Little Rock, who has forgotten more Arkansas history than most Arkansawyers ever knew, visited us on May 29-30. She is the writer of "Chronicles of Arkansas" that appears each day in the Arkansas Gazette. She is in charge of the J.N.Heiskell collection of Arkansiana, one of Arkansas' best. But she took time out to catalog our own humble collection and found many items of historical interest. You've got to really love Arkansas to do the job this lady is doing.

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CIVIL WAR RELICS

When the Civil War Round Table of Indianapolis, Ind., visited the battlefields of Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove in May, they stopped at at Alvin Seamster's museum at Garfield, near Elkhorn Tavern. When they arrived in Fayetteville, they told me that their preconceptions of Arkansas were changed by Alvin Seamster's courtesy and helpfulness. We have since learned that Federal agencies have asked him to donate his fine collection to the Pea Ridge National Park museum. Don't you do it, Alvin. A government that can pay out millions to Pakistan can afford to reimburse an American citizen for a collection that represents a life-time of devotion to his own country. (Marked copies of this paragraph are going to Congressman Jim Trimble and Senator Bill Fulbright. We would send a copy to the President, except that we don't think it would ever reach him. But some time we will tell Lyndon Johnson, whose Baines ancestors came from northwest Arkansas, about Ben Johnson of our Middle Fork Valley, a rough tough hombre that Texas can't match.)

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LAWRENCE COUNTY HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Our Society has received an invitation to attend the Lawrence County Heritage Festival, to be held at Lynn, Ark., Aug. 13-15. Lynn is on highway 25, southwest of Walnut Ridge. The three-day Heritage Festival program includes historical tours, arts and crafts displays, and a historical pageant. Address: Heritage Festival, Box 104, Walnut Ridge,Ark.

WALLACE AND DEARING OF PRAIRIE GROVE

The top picture on the opposite page was taken at the home of Wm. Richard Wallace about 1898. This house stood on the battlefield and was used as a hospital during the battle.

Left to right: James Withers Wallace, Ida Withers Wallace (married C. C. Summers), George Freeman Wallace (married Elizabeth Hannah), Wm. Cleveland Wallace (married Huldah ---), Deane (Narlene) Wallace (married James Oscar Dearing, and William Richard Wallace.

William Richard Wallace married Stella Bennett. Their two sons: Royal A. Wallace and Edward Wallace.

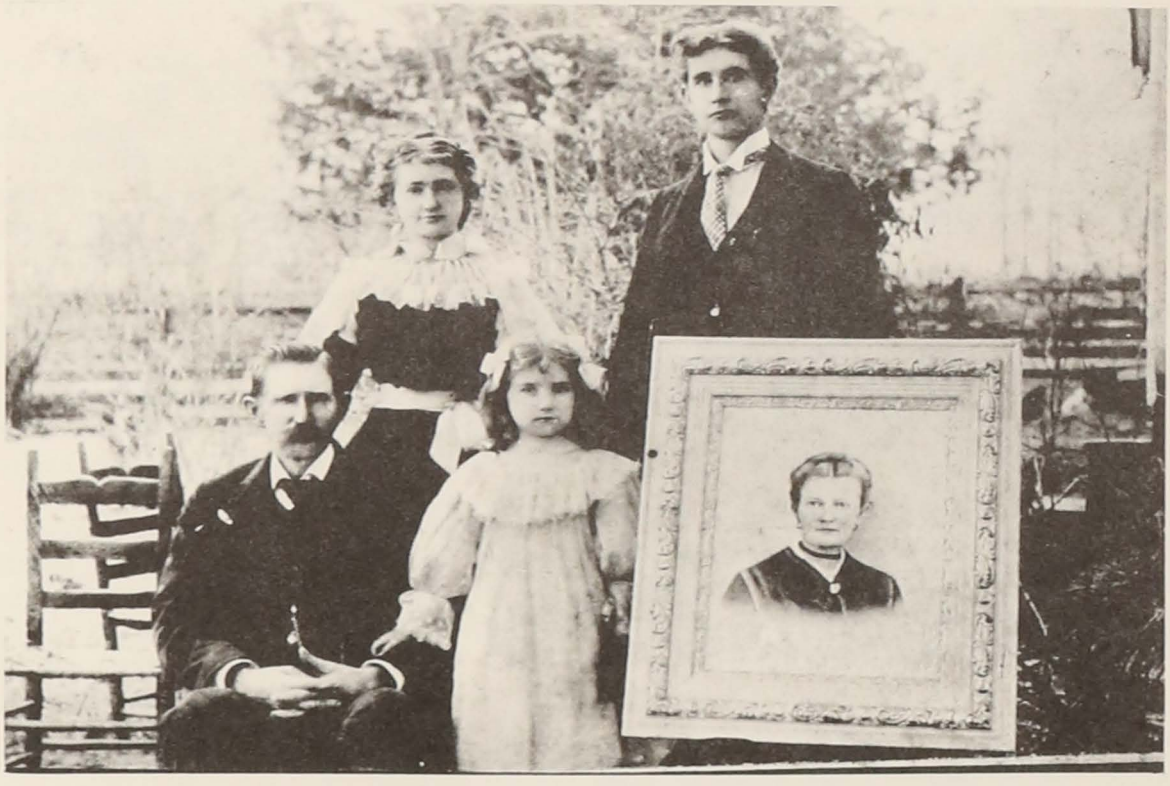
The framed pictures on the wall are of Amanda Price Wallace and Martha Jane Withers Wallace.

In the bottom picture are:
Front row: Gilbert Washington Dearing, Emma Earle Dearing, and framed photo of Adaline Harness Dearing.

Standing: Maggie May Dearing and James Oscar Dearing.

Photos by courtesy of Faye Dearing Barr

Taken at the home of William Richard Wallace about 1898. This house was on the Prairie Grove battlefield and used as a hospital during the battle.



The DEARING HOME near Prairie Grove. See identification on facing page.

(Photos courtesy Faye Dearing Barr)

WEST FORK and FLY CREEK

Vale Mayes of Edinburg, Texas, whose ancestors lived in the Johnson-Springdale area of Washington Co., Ark., wrote us recently that he had obtained additional information to prove that Mayes and Miller kin (Samuel Mayes married Lucinda Miller) came to Arkansas from Indiana. He writes:

"Note that I show, in one case, that Gibson Co., Indiana is the origin. In that area of Indiana is a White Rover and it heads up, I believe, around Indianapolis, flowing into the Wabash south of Vincennes. There is also a West Fork of White River near that area. Since quite a few settlers from Indiana settled in the West Fork, Ark. area, I am wondering if this was how the White River of Ark.and the West Fork of White got their names."

I hate to disillusion Vale Mayes. He has visited us in our WCHS office and has been one of our most loyal supporters. But the White River of Arkansas was White long before any Hoosiers arrived. And West Fork and Middle Fork and Main Fork were already named as early as 1839. I like folklore and legend but I like documented history better. Which leads up to this:

Some weeks ago a couple named Fly were driving from Stilwell, Okla. to Fayetteville and crossed Fly Creek in the western part of our county. The highway sign intrigued them and they spent several hours on Fly Creek, even visiting the Fly Creek school where Sunday School was in progress and where they got to talk to some of the folks.

Mr. Fly, who lives in Cassville, wrote us that he thought the creek was named for his forebears. I turned Mr.Fly's letter over to an old-timer, Jack Reed, who was born and raised on Fly Creek. Jack took up the challenge and discovered that Fly Creek in Washington County, Ark. flows into the Barren Fork River. And that Fly Creek flows into the Barren Fork in KENTUCKY. In other words, the Kentucky settlers brought the names with them.

I have traveled Fly Creek in our county by car and on foot, even fording the creek on occasions. I know Barren Fork. And I cannot resist the impulse to ask my friend, Jack Reed, why the stream is called Barren Fork on this side of the line but becomes "Baron Fork" when it crosses into Oklahoma. He does not know. Neither do I.

I have this advantage in the White River argument. I know WhiteRiver, Indiana, almost as well as I know White River, Arkansas. I did my courting and married my wife on the banks of White River, Indiana. And I have traveled White River, Arkansas, from its beginnings in Washington County all the way to its confluence with the Arkansas River, just this side of the Mississippi.

Place names are a fascinating subject for study.Names like Richland Creek, Badd Kidd Creek, Marrs Creek that turned into Muddy Fork, Hamestring Creek, and many more. Might even add War Eagle River. Who was War Eagle?

FROM THE PHELAN-MOORE FAMILY ALBUM

The photos on this page were sent to us by one of our WCHS members, Mrs. Roberta H. Jones, 130 N. Virginia, La Habra, California, 90632. She wrote us in response to our request for pictures of old beards. What she didn't know was that we are more interested in the Phelans, Suttons, Whites and Moores than we are in beards. We have visited the Phelan-Wilson cemetery east of the Fayetteville airport in the company of the late Jim Wilson. We have also visited the Hester cemetery at Baldwin, but did not know at the time that two of the Moores had married Hesters. Here are some notes to accompany the pictures on the opposite page.

ABIJAH TAYLOR PHELAN, son of Richard Phelan and Hannah Sutton Phelan. He was born 19 Aug. 1848 in Fayetteville, Ark. He married 18 Mar. 1869 Hannah Catherine Rogers. He died 6 Mar. 1901 in Fayetteville and is buried in the Combs graveyard in Washington Co.,Ark. Mrs.Jones writes that the original tintype of Abijah Taylor Phelan was loaned to her by Raymond Moore of Longview, Texas in 1963.

In the group picture, left to right, standing: ALFRED WALLACE MOORE and ALBERT ANTHONY MOORE; seated: Jesse Franklin Moore and Talitha Moore, sons and daughters of THOMAS and ELIZA WILSON MOORE.

Alfred Wallace Moore was born 18 Aug. (?) in Arkansas; died June 1922. He married Elizabeth Hester.

Albert Anthony Moore was born about 1838, died 1940.

Jesse Franklin Moore was born about 1830.

Talitha Moore was born about 1834; married to Ransom Hester.

OLD BEARDS

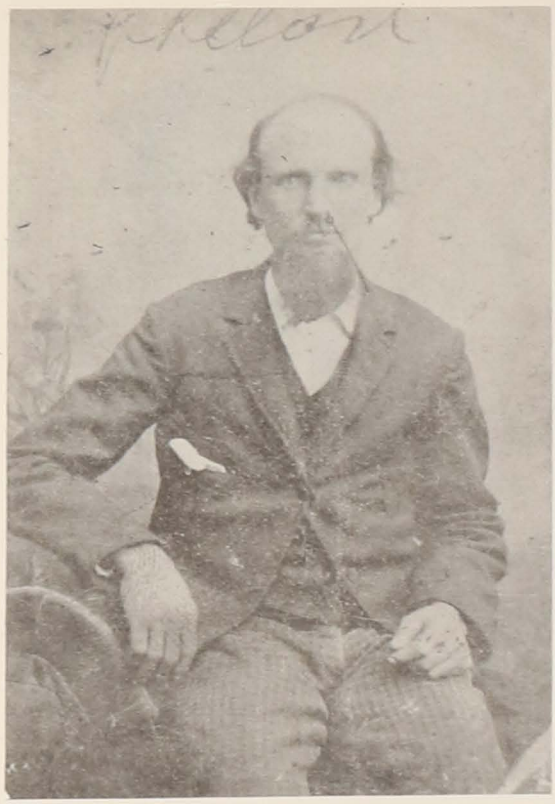
We are adding several pages of old-timers who wore unusual beards. The photos came from Mrs. C. B. Wiggans, Mrs. Harold T. Barr, Mrs. Roberta H. Jones, and Tom C. Feathers.

Some of the men pictured on these pages are deserving of longer articles and we hope some of their descendants will do the writing. For example, there is John P. A. Parks of Old Hogeye. He was station agent for the Butterfield Overland Mail 1858-1860. The station was called Parks' Station on the time-table. A year later John P. A. Parks represented Washington County in the legislative session that passed the Ordinance of Secession.

Thanks to all who contributed pictures to our growing collection.

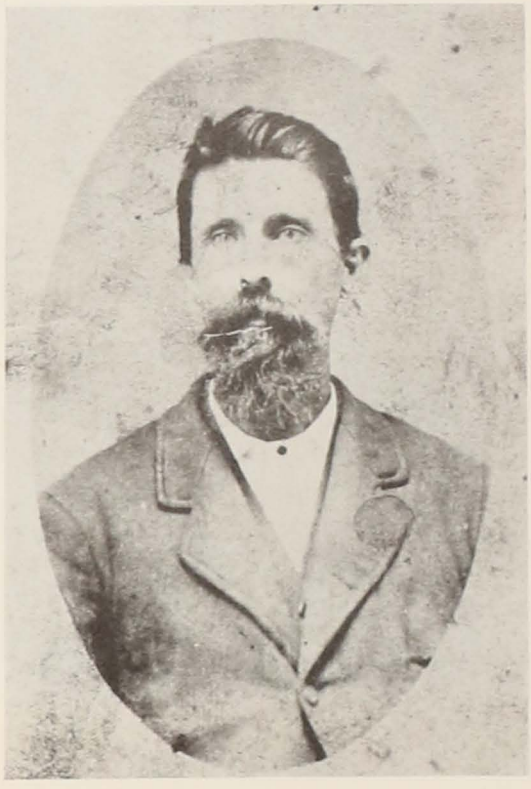
The PHELANS, WHITES and MOORES

In answer to our request for photos of beards, we received a dozen tintypes from Roberta H. Jones, 130 N. Virginia St., LaHabra, Calif. We are able to reproduce three of these on this page.



ABIJAH TAYLOR PHELAN

Sons and Daughter of
THOMAS AND ELIZA WILSON MOORE

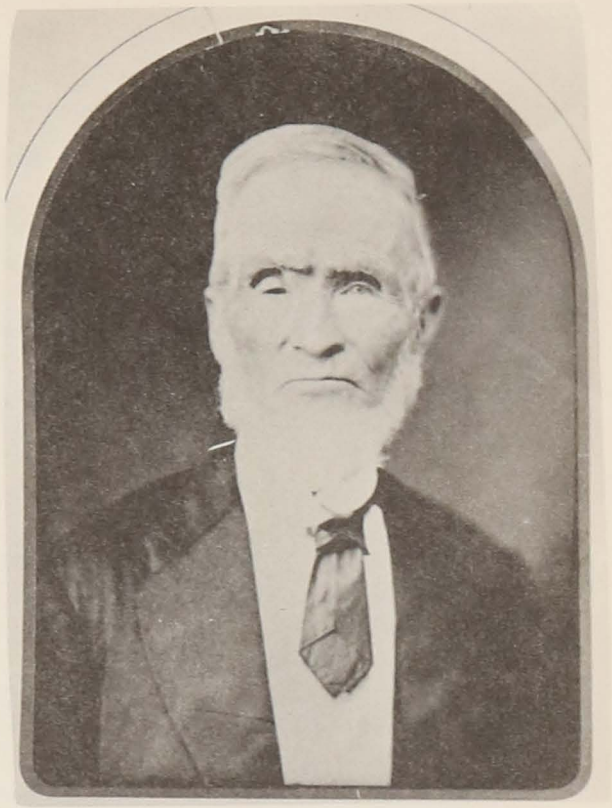


At left:

DAVID L. WHITE, Confederate soldier, born 12-22-1841, died 6-16-1897, who married Deborah Ann Cates about 1864.

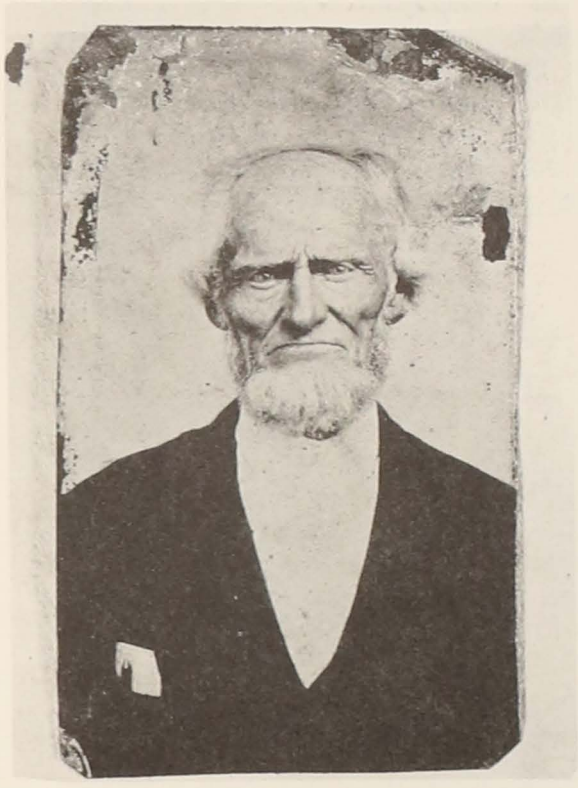
(Photos courtesy of Roberta H. Jones, 130 N. Virginia St., La Habra, Calif. Tintype of Abijah T. Phelan from Raymond Moore, Longview, Tex.)

HARVEY M. HUDGINS



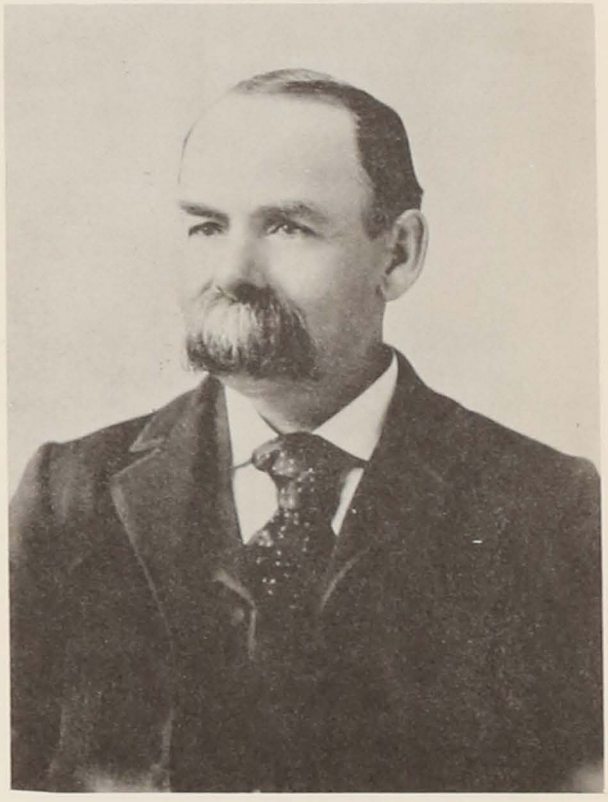
JOHN P. A. PARKS

(photos courtesy Mrs. C. B. Wiggans)



JOHN PEERSON

(Tintype loaned us by C. Vale Mayes of Edinburg, Texas, who is a Peerson descendant.)



(This Fayetteville photograph from the collection of Tom C. Feathers is unidentified but the mustache deserves a place in history.)

NEWS BRIEFS

Among our visitors June 1 were Mrs.Clara Kendrick and daughter of Nowata, Okla. Mrs.Kendrick is a descendant of the pioneer Simpsons, first comers, and the Reeds, Kings and other early Washington County families. She is a charming person in her own right and we always enjoy her visits. This time, she brought with her a magnificent collection of old photographs that we plan to publish in the next issue of FLASHBACK. She said she would be back in July to pick up her photos but she had better give us more time. Because the history of Washington County for 137 years can't be digested in just a few weeks. It was Nice to see you, Miss Clara, so come again, soon.

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Our Society acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a copy of "The Allens", compiled by Richard F. Allen. This scholarly 124-page genealogy was sent to us by Dorothy Seamster of Tulsa. Her inscription reads: "In memory of Mary Allen Seamster (1878-1938), mother of Dorothy Allen Seamster; and Leana Dixon Seamster, daughter of William Allen (1820-1894); and Frances Anna Dixon (1840-1909), granddaughter of Philip Allen, born 1798 in Bristol County, Mass. and Christina Allen, born 1799 in Washington Co., Pa.....Mrs. Seamster was the wife of John W. Seamster (1873-1959)."

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With the 100th anniversary of the University of Arkansas (January 1971) rapidly approaching, Our Society has begun to collect material pertaining to the history of the University. We are especially interested in old pictures and in source material that does not appear in the previously published histories of the University by D. Y. Thomas and Harrison Hale. FLASHBACK's most important contribution to University history was the publication, in our January 1954 issue, of the story of how the State of Arkansas acquired the Main campus at Fayetteville. If our readers have any old University records, we should like to see them. And pictures.

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Our Society recently found a book published in 1897 (title "Flames") which has pasted on the fly leaf a list of the borrowers and dates when taken out and when returned. This indicates that there was a lending library in the 90s. Twenty-two of Fayetteville's leading matrons read this book - names on request. The WCHS has presented this rare find to the public library.

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THE SCRUB FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1902

The picture on the facing page was sent to us by Carey Holbrook, 1002 Fifth St. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was fullback on the Razorback "scrub" team in 1902. The "scrub" team of 60 years ago did not play any games. Its only duty was to scrimmage against the varsity team. The players on the picture are:

Back row, left to right: Spicner, Dr.Miller, Capt. Van VanLainburg, Hannett, McGee.
Middle row: Fergus, O'Brien, Caruthers, Holbrook, Russell, Chenault.
Front row: Cleveland, Beloit, Milner, Trigg, Blaylock, Boardman, Dickinson.
Mascot: "Fatty" Lash

The photo was made in the studio of C.E.Watton of Fayetteville.

Our contact with Mr.Holbrook happened in an unusual way. The picture of the Arkansas "scrub" team appeared in the Albuquerque Tribune. Carey Holbrook, often called "New Mexico's outstanding poet", sent a clipping to Rosa Zagnoni Marinoni, who sent it to us, knowing that we would be interested in the football angle.

We wrote to Mr. Holbrook and he sent us the original photograph. He also told us that he is 79 years old and an ex-newspaperman. He did a column for the Scripps-Howard daily for ten years and had his own weekly for 15 years. Much of his verse was published in his newspaper column called "The Cut-Out". He wrote to Mrs.Marinoni because is is an admirer of her verse and because he remembers Professor Marinoni who was for many years a member of the University's athletic committee.

Carey Holbrook sent us clips of several of his published poems, from which we have selected "The Changeling" for re-publication. The subject is July, certainly timely:

The Changeling

I yearn to trill a lullaby to dear but fairly dull July,
A rambling sort of roundelay beginning with a by-gone day
And running on and on and on 'til boyhood days are come and gone.

Dear July! When first I found you, glamour wove itself around you;
Ere your days had fairly started, thrills had come and then departed.
Time was reckoned in the main, from Fourth to Fourth and back again.

Still Old Father Time arranges compensation for the changes;
Easy chairs we come to know and fire-works sent by radio;
Blistered fingers come to be a tax upon our memory!

Dear July! I had intended ere this lullaby was ended
Gracefully to wave Old Glory in a burst of oratory;
Queer - but good intentions die, dear but fairly dull July!

SCRUB FOOTBALL TEAM, University of Arkansas 1902
(See identification on facing page)

(Photo courtesy Carey Holbrook)

ETHELBERT ARRINGTON

Mrs. M. B. Biggerstaff, 4716 N. Miller, Oklahoma City 12, Okla., is seeking information about Ethelbert Arrington and his wife, Hannah Pierson. "Her father, Wm.Pierson, was born 1780-90 and lived in Fulton Co., Ill. in 1830. Hannah was born 1814, so I think John B. and other Piersons in Washington Co., Ark. in 1840 were her brothers. Jack Arrington and Stephen Strickland were in Titus Co.,Texas in 1850, also a Joel Arrington. Sarah (Arrington) Combs had a son Jack A(rrington) Combs by 1820. Sarah could have been a Monroe -- Ethelbert Arrington's first son was Monroe. I have no idea what happened to him.

"I am looking for the Arringtons in Indiana and Ohio. I think Alfred was in Indiana for a time around 1830 -- I have a lot of data on him but he is like an eel -- when you find where he was at any given time, he slips right through your fingers and can't be found when you go into the records.

"The B. H. Pierson you mention as being a C.P. minister at Cane Hill may be another brother of Hannah's. Years ago I copied cemetery records at Cane Hill and it was the coldest day I ever saw.

"I would like very much to have the names of Pierson descendants. I think I will check the 1850 census of Titus Co., Texas again, for Wm. Pierson, for if Stephen Strickland did marry a daughter of Wm.Pierson, then William may have gone to Texas also."

Mrs. M. B. Biggerstaff,
4716 N.Miller, Oklahoma City, Okla.

OLD HERMANNSBURG

We recently received a letter from W. Gscheidlen, 7 Stuttgart 1, Landhausstr. 68, Germany, who is writing the history of the German settlers who came to Hermannsburg (now Dutch Mills) in the 1850s. He asks specific questions,such as "Is the Whitaker spring still running?" "How far is the Dutch Mills cemetery from the Oklahoma line?" But the remarkable thing about Herr Gscheidlen's research (from thousands of miles away), was a map that he enclosed, asking me to make corrections. I made only two minor corrections. His map showed the location ofthe Hermanns' homes, Karl on the east hill above what is now highway 59, and Johann on the west hill, where Mrs. Ruth Leach now lives. The map also showed the location of the home of the Reverent Wilhelmi and his grave in the Dutch Mills cemetery. He was the first of the settlers to die. Herr Gscheidlen also asked if the Big Spring on East Spring St in Fayetteville is still running. This was the spring at which the German refugees, driven out of Hermannsburg by the Civil War, spent Christmas Eve 1862. We invited Herr Gscheidlen to visit Washington County and see the actual spots where his ancestors made history. If he comes at Christmas time, we'll all gather in the Lemkes' back yard, just a stone's throw from the Big Spring, and sing "Stille Nacht, Heil'ge Nacht". And remember Nannie Hermann, who died before the refugees reached St.Louis. Wonder what happened to her baby?

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN

The Board of Directors of the Washington County Historical Society will meet in July to name the recipient of our Societys "Distinguished Citizen" citation for 1964. Ten nominations have already been made, but others are welcome. Send your suggestions to the WCHS secretary, Deane G. Carter, Box 237, Fayetteville, Ark.

OFFICE NOTES

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The Major Brian Pendleton Chapter of the Daughters of American Colonists has purchased ($5) and placed in the Fayetteville Public Library a copy of the "Washington County Census of 1850". The card, from Grace Keith, librarian, says it was placed "in my honor." The DACs are folks who remember. Which is more than I can say for Shakespeare Golf Clubs, Bear Brand hosiery, Standard Register printed forms, and even the Chambers of Commerce of Fayetteville and Springdale. The trouble, as I see it, is that the Big Shots (electric, gas, telephone, etc.) all of them monopolies, have no idea of where they came from or where they are going. The thing that always amazes me, in this local history business, is how can folks forget so fast?

Thanks, D.A.C., I know most of you personally and have always enjoyed talking to your group. -- WJL

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I have always been fascinated by the romantic story of the German settlement at Old Hermannsburg (now Dutch Mills) in the western part of our county. So it was nice to get a letter from a descendant of one of these families -- Miss Mary Dear, 1816 Michigan, c/o Cleo Woodward, Joplin, Mo. She is a descendant of Great-grandfather John Michael Webber, her Grandfather John Robert Webber, both born in Germany, and of Lewis Weber, who donated the graveyard at Dutch Mill. I do not know when the Webbers dropped the second "r" in their name, but their present-day descendants are Webers. Miss Dear writes, that, besides her Great-grandfather, Grandfather, and Father, other Webbers are buried in the Dutch Mills cemetery: Jane, Bill, Tom, Oren, Thomas, Roxie Weber McCloud, Freddie Jones, Florence Slinger. We have asked Miss Dear to send us any information she has about these pioneer settlers. The interesting thing to local historians is that the Cane Hill folks left written records, whereas their neithbors at Hermannsburg, only ten miles away, left very few.

-- WLemke

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